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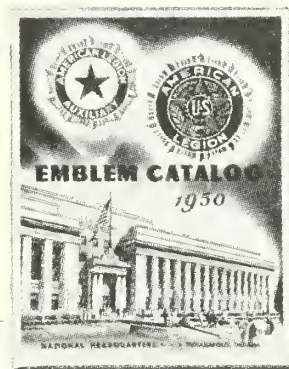


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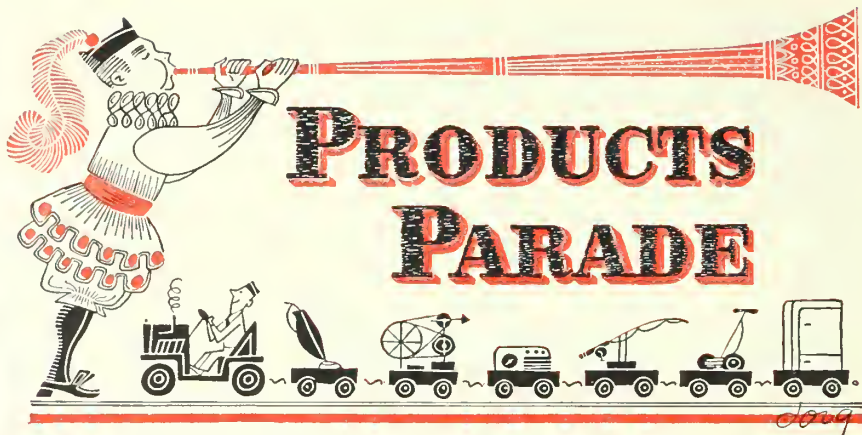
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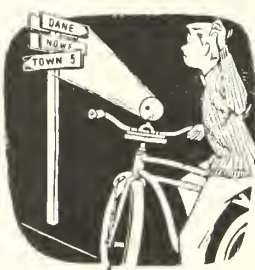


THE NATIONAL JOY SMOKE



A sampling of items which are in process of development or are coming on the market. Mention of products in no way constitutes an endorsement of them, since in most cases they are described as represented by manufacturers.

MAKES YOUR DRINKS FEEL BETTER. A new kind of glass tumbler with an air space for insulation now makes it possible to hold very hot or very cold drinks without hand discomfort. Called the Thermo-Glass, it is essentially two glasses in one, designed to fit perfectly together forming an air chamber. Molded of a heat-resistant plastic, Polystyrene, the tumblers can withstand water as hot as 200° F. They come in four different colors and retail at \$3.30 for a set of eight. The manufacturer is Gits Molding Corporation, 4600 W. Huron St., Chicago 44.



MORE LIGHT FOR CYCLISTS. A bicycle headlight that throws a block-long beam of light—said to be the most powerful bike light ever developed—has been designed by Westinghouse engineers and is being employed in lamps made by Northeast Tool & Die Works, Inc., 1400 Agnew Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Patterned after a regular sealed beam automobile headlight and only 2½ inches smaller in diameter, the all-glass bicycle lamp projects a long narrow beam with three times the visibility of the average flashlight. The lamp operates at 3.7 volts and 0.6 amperes. With a 3-cell battery holder it will sell for \$4.45, and with a 6-cell holder it will retail for \$4.95.

EASY ON THE HANDS. If your work or hobby calls for the use of such hand tools as screwdrivers, chisels, files, carving tools, etc., you'll find a new gadget called Roto-Grip helpful. This is a rubber sleeve which you slide over the handle of the tool to prevent palm blisters and skin bruises that often come from tool handles. It has a soft red rubber top which turns freely, thus permitting the tool to be turned against the swivel top rather than against the flesh. Roto-Grip comes in one size which is flexible enough to fit any handle from one inch to 1¼ inches in diameter. It retails for 50¢ apiece or three for a dollar, from Indian Trails Industries, Oshkosh, Wisc.

FASHION NOTE. Now they're selling umbrellas with different covers to go with different costumes! This innovation is from the Eichenbaum Umbrella Co., 298 Fifth Ave., New York City. The chameleon-type umbrella has a special frame, and extra covers made of Vinylite plastic can be quickly attached to it. With one cover, the changeable umbrella sells for from \$3.98 to \$4.98, and extra covers in different colors and designs cost \$1.29.



TO BRIGHTEN DARK CLOSETS. An electric light which goes on automatically when you open a closet door is being offered by Slater Appliances, Inc., 37th Ave. and 56th St., Woodside, L. I., N. Y. Called the Klox-A-Lite, it is a compact one-piece unit which is fastened to either upper corner of the door frame. The inner side contains a receptacle for a 25 or 40-watt bulb and the outer side has a switch which is operated when the door is opened or closed—much like a refrigerator light. It measures 2 by 2 inches, comes with 12 feet of cord and screws for mounting, and sells for \$2.20 postpaid.

GOT ANY SCRATCHED FURNITURE? If some of your nice shiny furniture has taken a beating and you want to make it like new you'll be interested in a product called The Old Cabinet Makers Scratch Remover Kit, being offered by Ken Ewer, Jefferson and Page Sts., Cape May, N. J. The kit, which sells for \$1.25, contains materials for restoring pine, walnut, and mahogany, and other woods can be treated by blending these shades or combining them with neutral shades included in the kit. The basic formula is said to be more than 200 years old with pure beeswax used as the base.



ROLLER BEARINGS FOR WOODEN DRAWERS. No longer is it necessary to have a tug-of-war with jammed wooden drawers to get them open. Now you can get roller bearings that keep the drawers of kitchen cabinets, files, dressers, etc., from getting out of alignment. Easily installed with simple household tools, the bearings come in sets under the name Roll-eez, and retail for 45¢ a set. The bearings are made of plastic mounted on a steel pin and frame. Metal parts are cadmium plated and each unit comes factory lubricated and with the necessary nails to install. The manufacturer is Junior-Pro Products Co., 3206 Morganford Road, St. Louis 16, Mo.

WAITER! Now you don't have to scream or use a slingshot or air rifle to get a waiter's attention. Science has at last solved the problem of the hard-to-get waiter by a service signal that does everything but lasso the man with the tray. The gadget is a miniature semaphore made of Bakelite, and when you push a button an arm goes up so the assembly looks like a traffic cop on duty. It may be startling to diners who have had too much to drink but the manufacturer says it is bound to mean better service. Made by Lone Star Plastics Co., Ft. Worth, Texas, the service signal sells for \$1.95 in maroon and \$2.25 in ivory.



HOLDS OFF RAVENOUS RABBITS. A new rabbit repellent for gardeners, to keep hungry bunnies from damaging flowers and vegetables, has been introduced commercially by the B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co., Cleveland, Ohio. The new chemical, called No-Nib'l, comes in powder form in six-ounce cans—enough to protect the average small home garden against rabbit damage. It can be dusted on plants and flowers or mixed with water and used as a spray. The product will be available nationally next year but direct mail orders will be accepted now at \$1.00 a can.

LIKE DOUGHNUTS? If you dote on doughnuts the J. B. Sebrell Home Donut Maker Co., 300 S. Los Angeles St., Los Angeles 13, has a machine that you may find intriguing. It is an automatic doughnut maker for home use that is said to turn out the dainties in less than fifteen minutes. Also, and again we quote the manufacturer, "you can serve twelve guests delicious hot donuts and coffee for less than 20¢ in total cost." Personally, we think the J. B. Sebrell folks aren't up on current coffee prices, or possibly they figure on serving demitasses, but that's what they said. Anyway, their Home Donut Maker, a gadget which presses batter into shape and drops it into the pan of shortening, retails for \$3.20 postpaid. Ready-mixed batter is available at 40¢ a pound box.



HOW TO WALK ON AIR. If you are afflicted with aching feet you may be able to ease them with a new kind of arch support that literally permits you to walk on air. Made of plastic the supports are actually miniature air cushions. You blow air into them through a tiny valve and as you walk the air moves forward and backward. Offered by Dr. Gilbert's Air-in-Sole Corp., 607 Eddy Bldg., Saginaw, Mich., the arch supports sell for \$2.25 a pair.

BUTTON, BUTTON. Science has now come to the aid of the button-sewer. Thanks to a simple little device being offered by Homemaker Products, Antioch, Ill., it is now an easy matter to sew a button so it's neither too tight nor too loose. The gadget, called Sew-eez, resembles a short ruler with a slot for the thread to be pulled through. Made of plastic, it sells for 19¢.

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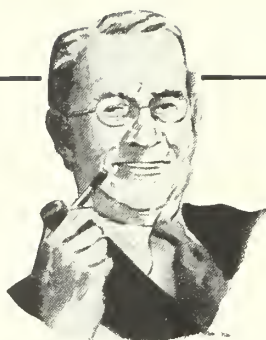
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From where I sit *by Joe Marsh*

Oh—My Aching Feet!

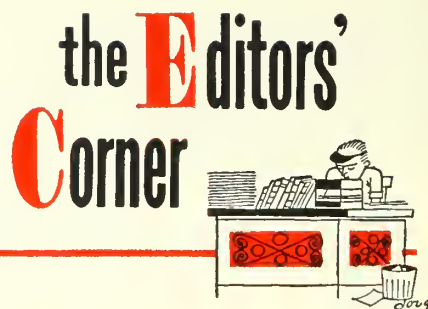
The other night just as I was settling down comfortably, with a book and a mellow glass of beer, the wife calls down, "Joe—I almost forgot—you and I are going over to the High School and take dancing lessons!"

Now, I can waltz with the best of them, so I put up a quiet struggle against going but it was no use. Turns out it was the class in square dancing. From the look on some of the other men I judged I wasn't the only one who had been taken by surprise!

Miss Williams and Curly Lawson taught us what to do with our feet, and before it was over, darn if I wasn't actually enjoying myself. Going back next week, too!

From where I sit, we sometimes get an idea into our head for or against something and then hang onto it for dear life. Whether it's square dancing, or the right to enjoy temperate beer or ale now and then, we owe it to ourselves as Americans to take an open-minded attitude—that's even *after* we make up our minds about it!

Joe Marsh



WHO SIGNED THE PEACE PETITION?

As soon as the Korean communists started shooting their countrymen the American communists set out to get a "peace petition" signed by "the American masses," so that the Korean reds could shoot their fellows in peace.

Called "The Stockholm Declaration," the petition protests atom weapons, calls such protest "world peace appeal," does not protest huge mechanized armies of Russia and satellites.

Swedish government, with capital at Stockholm, has labeled petition communist propaganda.

We have word from a big city store owner that his union demands he sign the "peace petition." He refuses. However, at this writing he says the union avows it will trump up a labor complaint against him, force him to hire people he doesn't want, picket his store and wreck it if his name doesn't get down on that petition.

In New York's Madison Square park we saw a woman waken a seedy old drunk on a park bench and shove a petition in his face. He was so absolutely delighted to have somebody notice him that he scrawled his name in big letters across the petition. Then he began to drift back into his pleasant stupor. But we wakened him and asked what he had signed.

"Dunno," he said. "But she wush awful nish lady."

"Well," we explained, "it will be used to keep America weak while Russia continues to arm."

"'Ash all ri'," said our new friend. "I'm 4F anyway." Then, with an eager look on his face, he asked hopefully, "You wan me to sign sump'n too?"

Later, uptown, a group of women were sitting out in the sun with their baby carriages. Another woman, towing a child, approached a youth waiting for a bus.

"Will you sign the peace petition?" she asked him in a plaintive voice.

"Lady," he said. "See those babies over there? Well, for the second time in my life I'm taking the bus downtown to join the Army. First Hitler and now the guy you're pushing that petition for. If we stop him now maybe those babies can grow up as free as you are."

The woman turned red but kept smiling in a disarming sort of way.

The bus came and the young man got on. The woman walked over to the group of mothers. "Sign the peace petition?" she asked. One by one they signed it.

We went over and asked the mothers why they signed the petition. They said it was one way they could "do something" about the terrible situation.

The light turned green and the bus car-

ried the young man off on what may have been the first lap of a trip to Korea.

The commies can get almost fifty thousand names of their members on the petition. It will be good to remember that any names over that amount will represent coercion, ignorance, nervous instability or simplicity, like the labor union, the drunk and the mothers who stabbed the defender of their babies in the back. The first 50,000 names will be the genuine signatures of our modern fifth column.

Few who know how commies operate would be simple enough to sign Stalin's paper like those mothers. Commie fronts are always offering sincere but naive people ways to "do something" about "terrible situations." Too few people recognize the obvious smell of a commie front. But there is something your Post can do to cut down this simplicity on the home front. In the cold war of nerves books are important ammunition. Communists sacrifice, connive and use every trick they know to get their books into your public library and into the hands of non-communists.

Many unsophisticated librarians are tickled pink to receive copies of books they can't afford to buy, thinking that a book, after all, is just a book.

Instead of engaging in "book-burning" or "thought control" by objecting to such books in your library, why not follow the lead of Orange County Council of Legion Posts in California, and see that truthful books on communism also get into the libraries? The California Posts collected a book fund. Then they checked their libraries for good books exposing the commie tricks and aims, using the Recommended Book List of the Legion's National Americanism Commission. Where they found a title missing from a library they simply went out and bought the book and gave it to the library as an Americanism service of the Legion.

Anybody who had read the following ten titles probably would not have been sucker enough to sign the "peace petition" unless he were coerced or was a party member. These books, all recently published, are recommended by counter-subversive experts as the "Best Ten" all round, well-documented books for general reading on world communism, the U.S.S.R., and the subtle methods of the commies in action. Does your college or library school carry all these titles? They can be ordered directly from the American Legion Book Service, 734 - 15th St., N.W., Washington, D. C. Next month we will list ten other important books for more advanced readers and specialists. This month's list, with names, author, publisher and price:

COMING DEFEAT OF COMMUNISM, Burnham, John Day \$3.50; I CHOSE JUSTICE, Kravchenko, Scribners, \$3.75; LENIN, Shub, Doubleday, \$5.00; MEN WITHOUT FACES, Budenz, Harper Brothers, \$3.50; MY RETREAT FROM RUSSIA, Petrov, Yale University Press, \$4.00; SEEDS OF TREASON, Lasky and DeToledano, Funk & Wagnalls, \$3.50; SOVIET SPIES, Hirsch, Duell, Sloan, Pearce, \$1.00; TELL THE WEST, Gliksmann, Gresham, \$3.75; THE WHOLE OF THEIR LIVES, Gitlow, Scribners, \$3.50; 1984, Orwell, Harcourt, Brace, \$3.50.

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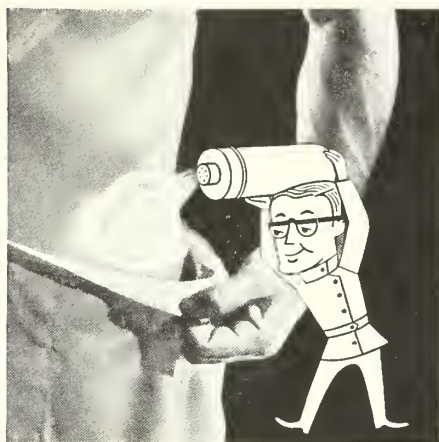
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FROM BEHIND THAT CURTAIN

Our outfit, which is more or less an outpost composed of only twelve Army, one Air Force and one Navy representatives of the Armed Services, has just received a copy of the April issue of *The American Legion Magazine*.

Mr. Loftus' article *The Missouri Reports* is one of the finest examples of Americanism I have ever read. It certainly exemplifies the meaning of our slogan, "Teamed for Defense," used in our Armed Forces Day celebration in Berlin, only one week prior to the expected communist threat here.

For those who live and work behind the Iron Curtain please accept our heartfelt thanks.

F. A. Yates, Lt., U. S. Navy
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THEY GOT THE OIL THROUGH

The Armed Guard aboard oil tankers and supply ships early in 1942 kept the heart of America warm and going. No official log was kept in those days and the ships had very few officers. Most of the vessels were manned by petty officers and seamen, and a ship with a gun crew of eight was lucky if it had a third class petty officer. Many brave men of the armed guard and crew lost their lives transporting the valuable oil cargo.

Every night and every day scores of our ships were sunk in that period of the war. The "Battle of the East Coast" was the turning point of the war. If these ships hadn't been able to make port the supply of guns and tanks and fighting men would not have been sufficient for us to take the offensive when we did. But I have yet to read where any Congressman or Senator has recommended medals for these men who kept America going.

Charles J. Caulfield
New Haven, Connecticut

PRAISES VA HOSPITALS

It takes a person experienced with hospitals to really appreciate what the U. S. veteran has open to him in the various Veterans Hospitals of the country today, in contrast to the generally prevailing horrible conditions faced through the thirties. I've just returned from a second stay at the Veterans Hospital at Newington, Conn., and while there was in both medical and surgical wards. After having had dealings with some 51 hospitals from Norfolk, Va., to Boston, Mass., I can say,

"Take it any way you look at it, you'd not be better off at Mayo Clinic or Johns Hopkins."

Night after night I have seen doctors work the clock around, doing 48 hours or better straight, with only time out to shower, shave and change. No patient is a number to be cared for to earn the pay, but a life to be saved and restored to normal usefulness. I've seen six or eight doctors work for hours on one patient, and top grade consultants from outside called in, plus the use of drugs that the majority of us couldn't look at, let alone afford. I left there with the knowledge that the age of miracles hasn't passed, and that the veteran is a pretty lucky fellow to have such a place to go when the human machine starts to wear out.

Jack Baird
Rau-Locke Post
Hartford, Conn.

A-BOMB IN THE FAR EAST

We are not at war, we are told, but our ships and planes and men are being fired on, and American boys are being wounded and are dying. Where is the wonderful A-bomb we all have lived in fear of since 1945? Why not drop one or two and clean it up good. Russia will drop an A-bomb as soon as they see anything like the California or Washington skyline. . . . I have two sons, aged 17 and 22. They and I are no better than any other sons or mothers, but there are so many fine American boys, and here they go again.

West Virginia Mother


▼ As we received the above communication American soldiers were trading shots with the forces of the North Korean communists and, as this correspondent says, our men were being wounded and some of them were dying. The question of using the A-bomb is one that can be decided only at the very highest levels of our Government, and must remain there. President Truman, who authorized use of the A-bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, is on record as having said that he would order The Bomb used again whenever he thought such action necessary.

Editors

WHY THE NAZIS SALUTED

In reference to the article in the July issue of *The American Legion Magazine* written by Richard M. Blumenthal, under the title *They Rekindled the Flame*.

(Continued on page 62)



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HE WANTED A HOME

So he was just the man to frame for this murder

By **CARTH R. SPENCER**

"OH LORD," Eddie muttered weakly. "You might find my fingerprints on the gun at that . . ."

THE SERGEANT at the desk was reading a newspaper. He put it down and studied Eddie without emotion.

"So this is Briggs, eh? How much you got on him?"

"Plenty!" It was Jerry who answered; Nolan was already busy at a phone. "We traced him to the Hanford, all right. No question but he was there."

"Look here," Eddie demanded with a growing uneasiness, "what am I in for? I got a right to know."

Jerry's lips twisted cynically. "Should we tell him?"

"Suspicion of murder," the desk

sergeant said heavily. "A bookie named Sammy Berg was shot and killed at eleven this morning in his room in the Hanford Hotel."

Eddie's jaw dropped. "Murder! Why, I never even heard of the guy!"

"No?" said Jerry. "How about it, Nolan?"

The older man put down the phone he'd been using. "They don't answer," he said. He stared at the phone a moment with a worried frown. Then, still absently, he took a small book from his pocket and passed it to Jerry.

The young officer opened the book in front of Eddie. "So you never heard

of Sammy," he said. "Well, take a look at this!"

Eddie looked. The book contained entries of bets under various names, bets ranging from two to twenty dollars. One item, however, stood out sharply. Eddie stared at it in shocked surprise. It stated that one Eddie Briggs, room 601, Parker Hotel, had bet one thousand dollars on Honey Boy to win.

"So you didn't know Sammy," Jerry said softly.

Eddie swallowed. "Listen," he began.

"If you didn't know him," Jerry cut in, "why did (Continued on page 40)

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Swimming pools are popular here. No Wonder!!



It's thrilling to see L.A. spread out below you, looking from atop City Hall.



We were lucky enough to see a big movie actually being filmed



Lines

This is what you'll be writing from that greatest of all shows,



Be sure you visit Catalina Island while you're here



I felt like drinking a gallon of orange juice, the groves were that pretty

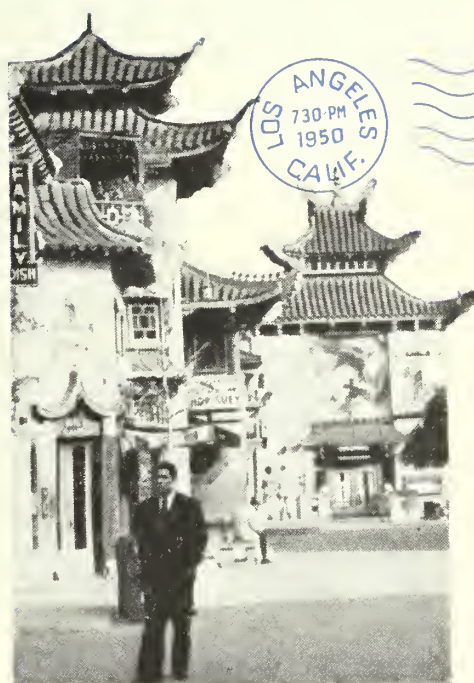


Looking far to the northwest we could see Hollywood

from L.A.

in October to your home folks
the Legion National Convention

"**T**HE CITY THAT has everything," Los Angelenos call it, and they're so right. It's a truly cosmopolitan community, with its Spanish overtones, its Chinatown and its Japanese section. In its all-year population are hundreds and probably thousands of natives of your State. You can visit in a day's auto tour both mountain and seashore, see great fruit orchards and mammoth vegetable gardens, watch topnotch horse racing and perhaps a polo match, and then take in Hollywood and other communities which, clustered about the City, long ago made it the movie capital of the world. All the famous radio shows that center here will be in full operation during the convention, October 9-12, including those audience-participation gigglers that are household words throughout the North American Continent. There'll be something doing every waking minute that you're there. You'll have fun. **THE END.**



*We got to Chinatown
at noon, so of course
we had chop suey*



*If you like shop-
ping, you'll end up
on Wilshire Blvd.*

*Olvera Street will remind you that L.A.
has a strong Spanish background*



We are WIDE OPEN TO ATTACK



Millions of American lives have been placed in jeopardy because our government has neglected civil defense

By GEORGE N. CRAIG

NATIONAL COMMANDER, THE AMERICAN LEGION

EARLY ONE FRIDAY morning in March, 1948, a top-secret radiogram from U. S. Army Headquarters in Europe gave Washington its greatest scare since Pearl Harbor.

The radiogram, which came from U. S. military headquarters in Germany, stated that Soviet Russia was mobilizing for war.

Soviet troops, it said, were set to march at once.

No hint of this message was allowed to reach the public, but a state of virtual panic swept the Capitol. President Truman called a rush meeting of his top defense advisors, and over at The Pentagon the Joint Chiefs of Staff went into emergency session. Army, Navy and Air Force units around the world were alerted for action.

For three days and three nights, few high Government officials got much sleep as they raced to prepare

this country for immediate hostilities.

The situation that confronted them appeared desperate. With Russian planes reportedly poised for the take-off, there was no organization of any kind that was prepared in any way to protect the civilian population from Soviet bombs. There wasn't even a plan on hand for setting up a civil defense program.

The General Staff was so alarmed about this that one ranking officer warned James V. Forrestal, the Secretary of Defense, "If the Russians attack, we're licked."

"No matter how gallantly the armed forces fight, they will not be able to cope with panic and paralysis at home."

"I know," the late Mr. Forrestal told him. "It's a national tragedy that this country continually refuses to learn the necessity for preparedness."

On the following

Monday morning, word came that our military men in Europe had been mistaken. Washington breathed again.

More than two years have gone by since that March "war crisis" but the United States still has not learned its lesson.

No real nation-wide civil defense organization has yet been established. Worse, investigation shows that the Government still has no approved plan for marshaling the country's civil defenses.

The Government has not even instituted a system of Universal Military Training, so vital for teaching civilians how to cope with the emergencies of an atomic war.

As a result of this incredible lack, all America is in danger today.

"The United States is laying itself open to an atomic Pearl Harbor by its indifference to civil defense planning," Congressman John F. Kennedy, of Massachusetts, recently said. And he was right.

Never before in America's history has the need for adequate civil defenses been so urgent. Day by day the cold war has been growing hotter un-



Can Civil Defense Chief Symington overcome the obstacles?



IF WAR should come, our cities will almost certainly be targets

ILLUSTRATED BY RAY QUIGLEY

til it now threatens to explode at any moment.

That the United States will not be able to resist a Russian assault without adequate civil defense machinery is definite.

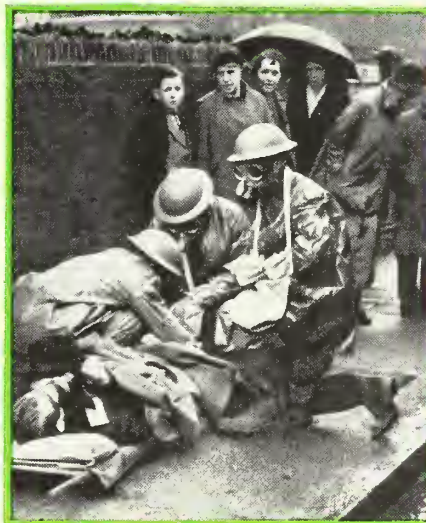
Only recently the Atomic Energy Commission made a secret investigation of the probable effects of an atomic attack on Washington. It found that just three well-aimed A-bombs could paralyze every vital function of the federal Government.

The Commission says that each of the new Russian A-bombs can mean 40,000 dead and 60,000 wounded Americans, plus tens-of-thousands of blasted homes, hospitals and factories.

Nor can we sit back and say that the Russians haven't the technical know-how to produce A-bombs in quantity. There are well documented intelligence reports indicating that the U.S.S.R. already has accumulated a sizeable stockpile of atomic bombs. There are even reports that Red scientists are well on the way toward building the all-powerful hydrogen bomb.

One of America's most important defense officials has told me:

"Russia is now capable of wreaking



BEFORE HITLER STRUCK, the British were getting ready. Here are some of London's wardens in 1939

IN NAZI GERMANY civil defense was "a political football" and when the bombs fell the system collapsed



enough devastation here to force us to our knees."

According to this official, and to every other expert to whom I've spoken, only one thing can save us—an effective civil defense program. With it, they say, we could reduce casualties from every atomic attack by 50 percent or more.

But we have no such program.

There is one ray of hope. Not long ago the President appointed W. Stuart Symington to the chairmanship of the National Security Resources Board, the federal agency in charge of all civil defense planning. Symington, the former Secretary of the Air Force, is a man of vision and power, and is well qualified for the post. However, it remains to (Continued on page 41)

FOOTBALL FORECAST *for '50*

Each college is under more pressure than ever to win every game this fall. Some will make a good try

By ED FITZGERALD

BEFORE GIVING OUR committee selections of the best teams and best players in college football this fall, let's take a squint at the 1950 College Football Television Question.

Just as if there were not always plenty of pressure on coaches and teams to win, television has come along and put a little more pressure on. Among other things television seems to say, "I won't hurt a winner at the gate, but nobody will turn out to see a loser if he can watch the big boys in his parlor." Thus it is now more urgent than ever that *every* college win *all* its games. The old approach to this problem was to fire the coach. To it has been added a taboo on television cameras.

In the belief that television may well be a turnstile thief, and being unwilling to let Rome burn until the suspicion is verified or disproved, a lot of colleges are going to play safe by closing the gates to the TV cameras this fall.

The Big Ten has officially barred "live" telecasts of all its 1950 games, although it will allow complete films of a game to be televised one day later.

Last spring Southern California and

UCLA said they were going to follow the same plan, but later modified it to televise with sponsors assuming part of any loss at the gate.

The Southwest Conference has announced approval of telecasts only for those games that are sold out in advance.

On June 12 the Southeastern Conference released a statement that it was barring telecasts on the same basis as the Big Ten.

More anti-television rulings can be expected weekly as the football season draws closer.

There are two important reasons for the wave of opposition to TV. First, and foremost, is the fear that the cash customers will stay home and twist the dial instead of bundling into their cars for the difficult trip to the stadium. Second, and a poor second at that, is the pious concern of some big colleges that the smaller schools will be shoved right out of the football business (did somebody say business?) if the major games of the country can be picked up on the potential ticket-buyer's television screen. This fear, of course, stems from observation of the trouble encountered by minor-league baseball clubs which have found their regular

customers deserting them by the thousands for a short beer at the neighborhood tavern and a look at the big-league stars on television.

You can't laugh it off. Television has scared the pants off the college football brain-trusters, and the end is not yet. Unlike baseball, football is a game that can be covered pretty thoroughly by the TV cameras. Also unlike baseball, the sport is played in weather that is frequently far more conducive to an afternoon by the hearth than three hours in a drafty stadium.

It also stands to reason that many a selective fan will be more interested in watching, for instance, the mighty men of Notre Dame (who are televising all their home games plus the Navy brawl at Cleveland) on TV than the local heroes in the flesh. The Big Ten, incidentally, is more than a little bit miffed at N.D. for refusing to go along with the conference's TV quarantine. Leahy's legions draw just as powerfully on television as they do at the ball park, and that's not going to



Dan Foldberg, Army
Left End

do the Big Ten's business any good.

But, television or no, the big thing is still winning football games. Every other sport that has had anything to do with the controversial cameras has discovered that a winner rarely suffers at the gate. The football colleges are aware of this ancient truth and can be depended upon to make even more desperate efforts than usual to come up with a powerhouse.

Particularly fortunate will be those schools which produce one of the individual stars of the year. No U.S. sport, including major-league baseball, gives more concentrated publicity to, or piles more glory on, its glamour boys than college football. Maybe it isn't very permanent, but it's really something while it lasts.

Because it never rains at Notre Dame, but always pours, the Fighting Irish, undefeated over a string of 38 games, have one of the two leading candidates for Player of the Year. That

would be Bob Williams, the long-kicking, straight-passing quarterback. Williams seems to be approximately as good as the fabulous Johnny Lujack in every department of the game except defense — and nobody is going to hold that against him. He's a lead-pipe cinch for All-America quarterback.

The only foreseeable rival to Williams as the top performer of the year is Southern Methodist's wonder boy, Kyle Rote. Although it was his spectacular work against Notre Dame last season that made him a national "name," Rote was no one-game football player. Overshadowed the last few years by the brilliant Doak Walker, he has been a tremendous back for SMU — and he will be again this year. If Rote continues to play as he did against Notre Dame last fall, he may join Grange, Thorpe and Company as an All-Time-All-American. Meanwhile put him down at least as a 1950 All-American halfback.

None of the other potential All-Americans belong in the same bracket with these two, but there are some fine football players in the crowd, and some of them are going to have to beat out a lot of first-class talent before they nail down their post-season laurel wreaths.

Chuck Ortmann of Michigan and Johnny Dottley of Mississippi get our votes for the other two backfield positions. Ortmann is the tailback and key man of another smooth, powerful Wolverine squad, and Dottley, one of the few players of real stature left to Ole Miss, was the leading ground-gainer in the country last year.

There are, of course, plenty of other candidates, many of them possessing better than fair chances of upsetting the dope. You have to list Johnny Karras of Illinois, Johnny Papit of Virginia, big Gil Stephenson of Army, Bob Zastrow of Navy, Johnny Clayton of Dartmouth, (Continued on page 46)

PROBABLE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM



Ray Krouse, Maryland
Left Tackle



Bud McFadin, Texas
Left Guard



Leon Root, Rutgers
Center



Mike Boldin, Pitt
Right Guard



Bob Toneff, Notre Dame
Right Tackle



Vito Ragazzo, William and Mary
Right End



Bob Williams, Notre Dame
Quarterback



Kyle Rote, Southern Methodist
Left Halfback



Chuck Ortmann, Michigan
Right Halfback



Johnny Dottley, Mississippi
Fullback

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What is left of our **WAR SURPLUS?**



TYPICAL of the nation's war surplus centers is this spot along New York's Canal St.

There isn't much around but the odds and ends still to be found are big bargains

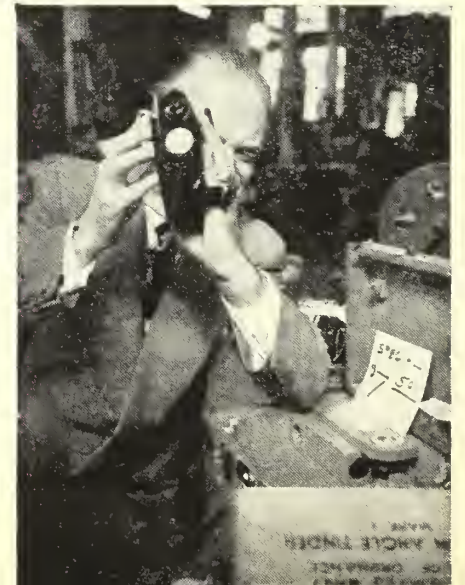
By GEORGE H. WALTZ, JR.

FIVE YEARS AGO Uncle Sam found himself the owner of approximately 100 billion dollars' worth of surplus WW II materials. Alphabetically, the inventory ran from abrasives and adhesives to zippers and zwieback. Size-wise, it included sprawling 10-million-dollar industrial plants as well as five-for-a-penny nuts and bolts. There were more than a million separate classifications of items, and not all of them were strictly "combat matériel." At least 15 percent were run-of-the-mill items, things that post-war civilians could use. And all were available at cut-rate prices.

What happened to them?

Today, according to government officials, there is no more war surplus as such. The huge warehouses that once bulged with jeeps and life rafts are empty. The War Assets Administration officially closed its doors to buyers of such so-called personal property

NEED a bubble sextant? This one, in good condition, will set you back only \$7.50





THIS IS a mine detector, but it's up to the buyer to assemble it and make it work



THESE DUST MASKS cost Uncle Sam a lot more but the buyer gets them for 35c



SMART BUYERS pick up complicated gadgets such as this pilot box and use the component parts for other things

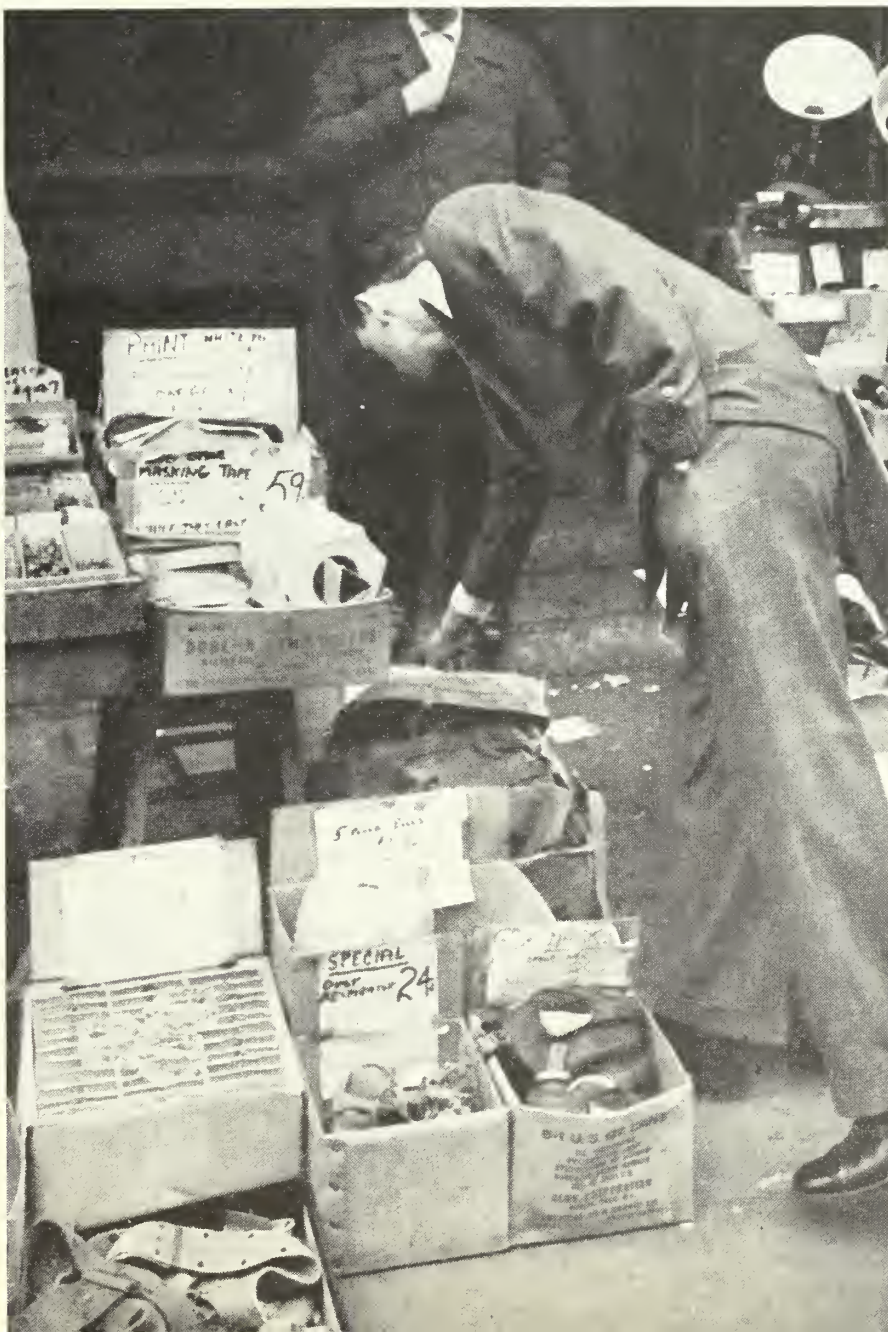
on December 30th of last year, their job done. They are now concerned only with the disposal of real estate and, at last count, there wasn't too much of that. The Office of the Foreign Liquidation Commission, charged with the disposal of war surplus that was overseas, also has cleaned up its work six months ahead of time. Last August, when it disbanded, it had unloaded some 10 billion dollars' worth of combat matériel in exchange for 2 billion dollars cash—considerably more than we got for planes, tanks, and trucks left on European soil after WW I. For the most part, these last were burned or abandoned for lack of storage space or cash customers.

Although an interested buyer would have a hard time right now to find a surplus hotel, amphibious "duck," or even a jeep, you, Joseph Q. Doakes and I can still find amazing bargains in surplus odds and ends. This general type of war gadget is still available on the "Surplus Rows" that operate in most large cities. The wares peddled by the surplus stores, for the most part, are left-overs from previous bulk purchases, or from odd-lot sales held now and then by the Army and the Navy to dispose of materials just recently declared surplus.

Typical of the nation's war surplus bargain counters is New York's Surplus Row—stores that stretch for several blocks along both sides of Manhattan's Canal Street. Although WAA and OFLC may be out of business, Surplus Row continues to offer bargains to the ingenious and keen-eyed shopper. If you've a mind to own a pith helmet or even a diving suit you can still buy it at bargain basement prices. The ex-serviceman browsing in New York's Canal Street shops—or in the surplus stores in any big city, such as those on Philadelphia's Market and North 22nd Streets, Chicago's West Madison and South Halsted Streets, and San Francisco's 12th and 14th Streets—quickly recognize such old familiar things as tank periscopes,

plastic blisters from bombers, machettes, ammo bags, automatic pilot
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KEEP LOOKING and you're bound to come up with something you'll be able to use



“I won over



THE AUTHOR at the start of a patrol in the Palaus a few months before his injury

He fell fifty feet when the cargo net broke —
and that was the beginning of this case history
of a War Two paraplegic

By DONALD W. CARRUTHERS, JR.

SITTING in a chair hitting ground balls in a pepper game to my Nittany Post 245 American Legion Junior baseball team is a long hard pull from July 5, 1945, when I regained consciousness in a quonset-hut Navy hospital in the South Pacific to find I was paralyzed.

Athletics had been my whole life. While enrolled in high school in the town of State College, Pa., I had won eight letters in baseball, track and basketball. In 1941 and 1942 I had placed very high in two events in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Track and Field championships. During my freshman year at Penn State, I was one of several freshmen to make two varsity teams. I was enrolled in Physical Education and had hoped to play professional baseball after college.

So it was with more than the idea of walking again that I asked the Navy surgeon, “Doctor, how soon will I be able to move my legs?”

“Only time will tell, soldier. You may have shock paralysis which lasts only a few days until the swelling around the spinal cord recedes or it may be a longer period of immobility,” the surgeon replied.

It has taken over five years for time to tell.

July 5, 1945 my outfit, the 111th Infantry Regimental Combat Team, was supposedly resting from three months of combat. We were stationed in a rest camp on Peleliu Island, a little stretch



HE TRIES to walk again after months in bed at Army hospital in Atlantic City

of land 500 miles due east of the Philippines. The outfit was ordered by the island commander to take the place of a Seabee port battalion and to unload ships. It was during this unloading operation that I received my injury. I was riding with two other men in a cargo net which was being lifted from a landing craft up to a freighter. The net was some fifty-five feet in the air when it broke and dropped us back

onto the deck of the landing craft. As a result of the fall I fractured the 12th thoracic and the first lumbar vertebrae which caused complete paralysis of my legs and many body functions. I do not know the extent of the injuries suffered by the other men.

Despite penicillin treatments, rest and a little exercise for three weeks, I was still unable to move from the waist down.

The casts that covered my trunk and legs were lined with an inch of felt which prevented sores but kept me quite uncomfortable in the steady heat of the Palau Islands. Jungle rot, which I had contracted in my two years in the Pacific, started to flare up again. The days seemed to pass rapidly but the nights were long and difficult. I could not turn over because of my paralysis, and therefore had to be rolled over by a ward boy every three hours. The mental adjustment was very difficult the first three weeks in Peleliu but I was relatively free from pain since the pain originated below the line of injury where I had no feeling or movement.

July 27, 1945 (my 21st birthday), I started my trip home in a hospital plane. My first stop was Guam where I was quartered in a Navy hospital. Here I developed a bladder infection and had to remain five days before moving on to Hawaii. From Hawaii I flew by C-54 to Hamilton Field, California. Ten days later after stopping at Southern California, Texas, Missis-

DON SHOWS JoAnn Ryman
special home he's building with
VA help. They'll marry this winter

PARALYSIS"



SPORTS were his life and they still are. Here Don coaches his Legion Junior baseball team from a chair



issippi, South Carolina, and New Jersey, I arrived at my permanent hospital, Thomas M. England General, in Atlantic City, N. J.

The hospital, which used three of the larger hotels in the city, was a wonderful place to get well. The wheel chair patients had the run of the city because of the smooth boardwalks. I was pleased that I had been sent to Atlantic City, because it was only 225 miles from my home and I hadn't seen my family for over two years.

I was placed on the seventh floor which was called the paraplegic ward. The doctor told me during the first

interview that I was a paraplegic. He explained that this was a medical term meaning that I had an injury to my spinal cord which caused paralysis of my lower limbs. The doctor further explained that the typical paraplegic usually has a loss of bowel and bladder control, cannot walk without the aid of braces, and sometimes develops kidney stones. He told me that I was one of 125 paraplegics in the hospital and that I would receive the best treatment known to medicine.

Physical therapy, hydro therapy, electro therapy, massage, heat treatments, and many drugs were given to

me during my first month at the hospital. I showed no signs of improvement but since I was living with persons who had the same troubles as I, my mental attitude improved. I made up my mind I would faithfully carry out my prescribed exercises.

I was living in the bridal suite of the old hotel and I had the pleasure of sharing this room with five other paraplegics. These men were wonderful companions. We helped each other as much as possible. If one member of the room said something which showed his bitterness or pity for himself this was the (Continued on page 57)

How do you **RATE**



Here, in question form, are some of the situations that face married persons. See how you react to them. Your score will show how good a sailor you may be on the sea of matrimony

FOR MEN

1. If you returned from work and discovered that your wife hadn't prepared dinner, you would



- ___A. Denounce her and assert your rights.
- ___B. Ask what happened and offer your help in preparing dinner.
- ___C. Say nothing but boil inwardly.
- ___D. Suggest that the family eat out.

2. Your in-laws, whom you dislike, come for dinner. You would

- ___A. Make the least possible effort to please them.
- ___B. Make it clear that you don't care for their company.
- ___C. Do your utmost to please them.
- ___D. Treat them as you treat other guests.

3. If your wife hurt your feelings publicly, you would

- ___A. Retaliate publicly.
- ___B. Not retaliate publicly but try to discuss it calmly, in private.
- ___C. Laugh it off and forget about it.
- ___D. Say nothing but leave the scene in a huff.

4. If you violently disagreed with your wife in politics, you would

- ___A. Avoid discussing controversial matters.
- ___B. Discuss politics but tell her she is all wrong.
- ___C. Try to sway her to your belief.
- ___D. Discuss it but not attempt to influence her.

5. If you dislike your wife's friends, you would

- ___A. Demand that she stop seeing them.
- ___B. Tell her that they are no good and she is like them.
- ___C. Ignore the matter.
- ___D. Indicate why you dislike them but make no demands of her.



6. You think that your wife has been unduly severe in disciplining your child and the child appeals to you. You

- ___A. Keep out of the situation.
- ___B. Countermand her order in the presence of the child.
- ___C. Discuss it with your wife privately but not interfere with her decision.
- ___D. Inform the child that he broke the rules and must take the consequences.

7. If your wife developed an irritating habit, you would

- ___A. Bawl her out every time she did it.
- ___B. Try to ignore it without even discussing it.
- ___C. Discuss it with her and if she persists, you'd try to forget about it.
- ___D. Say nothing but be very irritated.



8. If your wife seemed extremely attentive to another man at a party you would

- ___A. Discuss it when you got home.
- ___B. Resent it but say nothing.
- ___C. Laugh it off and give it no thought.
- ___D. Make a scene at the party.



9. Your wife has recently been pronounced medically fit but constantly complains of fatigue. You

- ___A. Tell her she is probably letting

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AS A MATE ?

By WALTER DUCKAT

YOU HAVE PROBABLY HEARD, read and seen that the institution of marriage is in serious straits. Sociologists, clergymen, psychiatrists, and other experts have applied their stethoscope to the patient. Each has come up with his own diagnosis of what is wrong with marriage and with a ready prescription designed to cure its illness. There is no unanimity of opinion

for the failure of many marriages. A common, all embracing term frequently used is incompatibility. It may mean basic differences in religion and personal philosophy as well as trivial irritations which mount and eventually become unendurable.

Many marriages founder because of glaring shortcomings. It is astonishing, however, how much marital con-

flict stems from the small, often imperceptible irritations which if uncorrected pile up until divorce seems the only way out.

In the following questionnaire, you will find many typical situations facing most married persons. Your response to these situations probably reveals your basic pattern of behavior toward your mate.

THE END

FOR WOMEN

1. If you wanted a fur coat costing beyond your husband's means, you would



- ___ A. Insist he buy it.
- ___ B. Try to forget about it.
- ___ C. Try to earn extra money toward the cost.
- ___ D. Point out all the women who have such coats.

2. Your husband wants to spend one evening a week with his friends. You

- ___ A. Encourage him.
- ___ B. Put your foot down.
- ___ C. Resent it but say nothing.
- ___ D. Not oppose the request but try to make yourself a more interesting and attentive partner.

3. As a general principle, you believe that a wife should

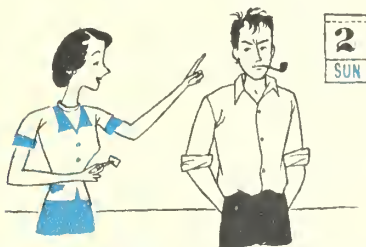
- ___ A. Make her husband wait on her hand and foot.
- ___ B. Usually do things to please her husband.
- ___ C. Share chores and responsibilities and pleasures with her husband.
- ___ D. Show only slight interest in her husband's problems and welfare.

4. If your husband 'phones in the afternoon that he is bringing a few friends for dinner tonight, you

- ___ A. Refuse and suggest that he take them to a restaurant.
- ___ B. Agree but berate him for not giving you more time.
- ___ C. Graciously accept without complaint.
- ___ D. Accept but suggest that in the future he give you more notice.

5. If you were convinced that your husband would probably never earn more than a meagre living, you would

- ___ A. Probably divorce him.
- ___ B. Adjust yourself to his income.
- ___ C. Attempt to supplement his income.
- ___ D. Constantly press him to earn more money.



6. If your husband were very careless of his appearance and resented correction, you would

- ___ A. Not attempt to correct him.
- ___ B. Constantly try to correct him.
- ___ C. Suggest the financial and morale values often deriving from a neat appearance.
- ___ D. Encourage his friends to work on him.

7. You are religious and your husband persistently refuses to go to church.

- ___ A. Ignore the matter and go alone.
- ___ B. Keep insisting that he go with you even if it annoys him.
- ___ C. Call him a communist or an atheist.
- ___ D. Calmly discuss the advantages of religion for him and the children.



8. If your husband likes to stretch out on the good furniture, or fails to hang up his clothing, you

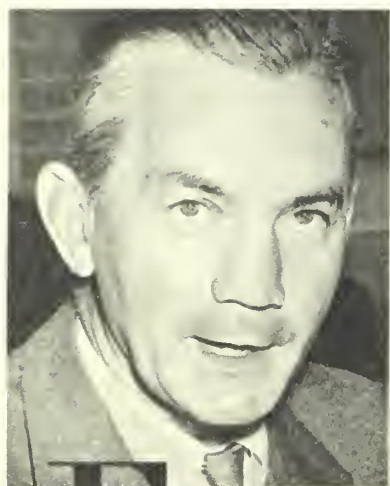
- ___ A. Constantly argue over it.
- ___ B. Sometimes berate him for it.
- ___ C. Discuss it once with him and if that failed, forget it.
- ___ D. Never interfere with his comfort



9. If your husband took to drinking excessively, you would

- ___ A. Keep after him to stop.

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"We ought to give our European friends a reasonable amount of help—chiefly in actual arms"

FORRESTAL *was* RIGHT

An account of an amazing talk with the late Secretary of Defense, who had a crystal clear vision of "the shape of things to come"

By GEORGE FIELDING ELIOT

OUR ATOMIC SHIELD is full of holes.

It won't protect us any longer. So far, however, all we're doing is patching up some of the worst holes.

What we need is a new shield—in fact, a whole new outfit of armor and weapons. But now time is running short. We are in danger because our politicians kept postponing the evil day—till after the elections.

The exact situation in which we now find ourselves was foreseen by our first Secretary of Defense, the late James

Forrestal, back in 1948. The remedy he then advised was to begin setting up an all-round, balanced defense program—a complete suit of armor instead of just a shield. Circumstances have now forced us to do this. But now it will cost more money than if Forrestal's views had prevailed and a timely start had been made—for we shall have to do many things in a hurry, with consequent waste and lost motion.

It's time to tell the story—and to draw the moral.

It was two years ago, in the sum-

mer of 1948, that I returned from a military survey of Europe and the Middle East, and went straight to Washington to see Secretary Forrestal. The military situation in the areas I had visited was not promising.

Western Europe lay defenseless, at the mercy of massed Soviet armies save for the deterrent effect of Ameri-

"We ought to start building up the air defense of our home territory"



can air-atomic power on the Soviet mind. The Russians had blockaded Berlin. No one knew whether or not "this was IT" or whether the airlift, just beginning, could supply the besieged city. In Czechoslovakia the Iron Curtain had clanged down around the frontiers of yet another country which had once been free. In Greece and in Palestine, savage little shooting wars were in bloody progress, with the end of neither clearly in sight.

While I spoke of what I had seen and learned, Forrestal leaned back in his chair and listened. The lines of strain were more deeply graven in his face than they had been when I had last seen him in February.

The conversation that followed is worth setting down for the record, not

armies, the commie threat in western Europe would have simmered down to nuisance size long ago. But if it hadn't been for our atomic counter-threat, those Russian armies would have convinced everybody in Europe by this time that communism is the wave of the future and they'd better make terms with it as the poor wobbly Czechs have done already.

ELIOT: But you said this was an uneasy balance, Jim. Why?

FORRESTAL: Because it rests on the highly uncertain factor of our atomic monopoly. Once the Russians get an atom bomb of their own, the magic spell is broken. Whatever may be in the minds of the Politburo, Europeans will begin to figure that we won't be so ready to drop atom bombs on Mos-

cow if the Russians could come right back with atom bombs on New York. And nobody knows when the Russians are going to get their first successful A-bomb.

ELIOT: I've seen some educated guesses that seemed to average out with 1952 as the most likely date.

FORRESTAL: I've been up to my ears in educated guesses, and take it from me, George, *nobody knows for sure*. But what I do know for sure is that when that day comes the present balance of power will start to incline against us. If we haven't prepared for the change beforehand, the balance is likely to be completely upset within a year after the Soviets fire their first successful experimental bomb—which they'll take care to let the world know about, directly or indirectly.

ELIOT: How do you mean, prepare beforehand?

FORRESTAL: By starting now to build up other forms of military power to balance the threat of the Soviet armies when the atom can't protect us any longer. (NOTE: This sentence is the key to Forrestal's thinking, and to the present military situation of the United States.)

ELIOT: What forms of power will we need, Jim?

FORRESTAL (ticking off the points on his fingers as he went along): First, we ought to give our European friends a reasonable amount of help—chiefly in actual arms and equipment, so they can start building up effective armies and tactical air forces of their own on the modest scale which is all they can pay for. Second, we ought to create a reserve of ready-to-fight ground troops here in the United States plus tactical air power (Continued on page 55)



"We ought to step up the Navy's anti-submarine program . . . and add to that two or three fast carrier task groups to deal with sudden emergencies"

because of my small part in it, but because it shows so clearly the basic factors of our military problems today—and how clearly Forrestal foresaw them and proposed to make provision for them.

FORRESTAL: It's war. Not a shooting war yet—but war just the same, and a war we damn' well can't afford to lose. Right now it's a war that's being fought chiefly with political and subversive weapons. Military weapons in the background, but all-important.

ELIOT: That's right.

FORRESTAL: It's a balance-of-power situation. One of the oddest and most uneasy balances of power in history. Russian armies threaten Europe, worry everybody just like Hitler's planes used to worry 'em. But American air power, with our atomic monopoly, threatens Russia, so most Europeans figure the Russians won't dare go too far. If it hadn't been for the Russian



"We ought to create a reserve of ready-to-fight ground troops here plus tactical air power enough to enable us to dominate the air over any battlefield"

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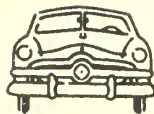
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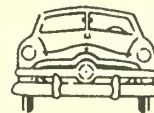
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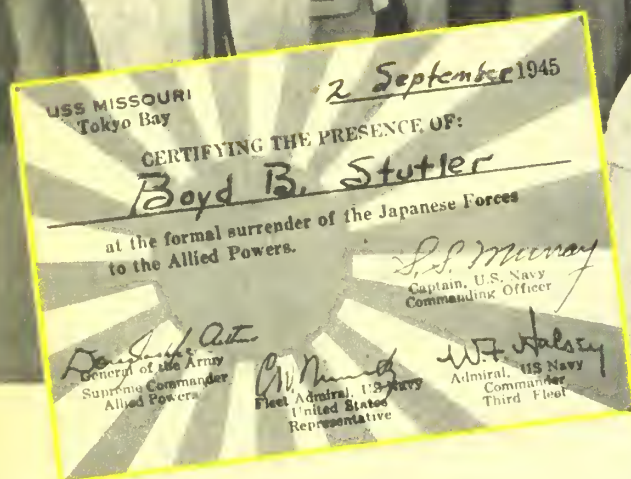
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I saw the SURRENDER

BY BOYD B. STUTLER



GENERAL DOUGLAS MacARTHUR signs the Articles of Surrender; (inset) card issued to correspondents present at the event

Five years ago Japan capitulated unconditionally on the decks of the “Mighty Mo,” ending the shooting war—but the surrender did not bring a peace treaty

FIVE YEARS AGO — on Sunday morning, September 2, 1945 — the end of the shooting phase of the Second World War came with dramatic finality in a historic ceremony on the deck of our mightiest warship, the U.S.S. *Missouri*, then riding at ease on the gentle swells of Sagami Wan, just off Tokyo Bay. Imperial Japan had stopped fighting just ninety-eight days after Germany, her ally on the other side of the world, had acknowledged defeat and had signed terms of unconditional surrender.

Raked from north to south from the air and from the sea, its industrial areas practically destroyed, the new atomic bomb in two attacks wiping out whole cities in a matter of seconds, the military dictators of Japan knew when they had reached the end of the road. They knew when to quit, even though no element of the armed forces of the Allied Powers had set foot on their shores. They knew, too, that unconditional surrender was the only

terms that would be accepted by the Allied Powers.

It was a broken and beaten country that the first elements of the American forces found when they moved in for formal occupation on August 30th. The 11th Airborne Division and other Army units, flown in from the Philippines, landed at Atsugi Airport, between Tokyo and Yokohama, and simultaneously the Navy and Marine Corps made a landing at Yokosuki, the great naval base. A small army of war correspondents, news and magazine writers, camera men, still and movie, and radio men accompanied each force, though General Douglas MacArthur had to postpone taking in a troop of cavalry in order to provide transportation for the contingent from Manila. I was there with the airborne doughboys, as a war correspondent for *The American Legion Magazine*, and landed on the second Skymaster that sat down on the Atsugi strip at exactly 7:15 in the morning of August 30th.

General MacArthur, designated as the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers, and his staff arrived soon after the noon hour. The next two days were occupied in setting the stage for what was hopefully and prayerfully believed to be the culminating event that would restore peace to all the world. It was — and after five years, still stands — “the biggest show on earth,” as Captain S. S. Murray of the *Missouri* termed it—but not the biggest show in the accepted sense of a four-ring circus.

Meanwhile Army troops were pouring in by air and by transport. Fleet Admiral Nimitz moved his fleet into Tokyo Bay and took position for any offensive or defensive action. Bitterness of defeat was still widespread among the Japanese militarists and the possibility of an uprising could not be overlooked. Soldiers, sailors and Marines found release from the tension of war in the few amusement spots that, within bounds, were permitted to operate. The correspondents ranged far and wide, not a few getting into forbidden Tokyo. At General Headquarters there were long discussions about details of the ceremony of surrender. Should the Japanese signatories be received with honors? If so, what form should these honors take? The Japanese would board the *Missouri* as (Continued on page 48)

Universal Military Training Made First Objective In New Policy Formed by National Exec. Committee

Drastic Action at Special Meeting Faces Up to National Emergency—Reduction in Spending Demanded—Legion Will Not Ask New Pensions or Push for Bonus During the Crisis

Facing the crisis in our national and international affairs, The American Legion has thrown its entire strength, and that of its 17,418 Posts, directly behind the President and the national structure, in national defense, both external and internal, in the national economy, and in the spiritual uplift of the entire people.

This was accomplished during the week of July 18th when National Commander George N. Craig convened the National Executive Committee in a nation-wide telephonic hook-up to consult and act on the gravity of the present situation, and to re-examine the Legion's position on current affairs. By telephone and telegraph the National Executive Committee, as it is empowered to do in emergent situations, approved the proposals calling for all-out support by the Legion and Legionnaires.

The drastic action, some of which calls for a postponement of legislation—not an abandonment or a change of policy—is considered in high places as the most forceful face-to-the-front directive ever given to the Legion:

High Spots of Directive

A demand for immediate enactment of Universal Military Training legislation so that never again will this nation be caught short in trained manpower.

Called for a "reduction in Government spending in fields that do not make an immediate contribution to national defense and which can be postponed without injury to the welfare of our people." This, it was pointed out by speaker after speaker, is a drastic necessity to provide money for national defense and also to prevent our nation from "spending itself into disaster."

Suspension for the duration of the emergency of Legion advocacy of any new pension legislation or bonus proposals. "And we shall ask no additional benefits or extension of time under the GI Bill of Rights except to make them applicable to those who are fighting the war in Korea."

Immediately after the National Executive Committee had acted, National Commander Craig called a meeting of Department Commanders and official representatives from the 49 continental Departments of the Legion to meet at the National Headquarters in Indianapolis on July 23. This meeting was called to discuss plans for immediate mobilization of the entire Legion, and to brief the leaders in the 49 Departments on the

grave state of affairs, both as it affects us in our internal affairs and in our international alliances and embroilments.

"We are now mobilizing the 17,418 Posts of The American Legion for its greatest campaign . . . for immediate enactment of Universal Military Training legislation," National Commander Craig said in his opening remarks to the assembled Legionnaires representing the high command in the continental Departments. "Universal Military Training is the least expensive and most effective national security measure we can adopt. The cost of such training will never break us. Its adoption will make us."

Commander Craig stressed the necessity of trained manpower for immediate call in undeclared wars, and in such a state of affairs as that in which we now find ourselves in Korea. He called it "survival training."

Erle Cocke, Jr., of Dawson, Georgia, Chairman of the Legion's National Security Commission, in a stirring address, made an appeal for prompt and effective action to bring the crisis precipitated by the invasion of Korea to a conclusion, and for a complete reconstruction of our national defenses. He called for an immediate implementation of civil defense plans, and for the enactment of legislation that will bring the Hopley Plan or another practical civil defense structure into being.

Statement of Policy

At the conclusion of his address Chairman Cocke presented a statement of policy prepared by the Executive Section of the National Security Commission, signed by himself, as Chairman; Granville S. Ridley, of Tennessee; Bruce Henderson, of Ohio; William W. Welsh, of Alabama, Members and Martin B. Buckner, of Michigan, Director.

The statement of policy covers clearly and succinctly the plans and thinking of the Legion in meeting the present emergency; the necessity for Universal Military Service legislation, which the Legion has advocated for 30 years; adoption of a strong, practical civil defense plan; strengthening the American Merchant Marine, so that we will no longer have to depend on the vessels of a foreign nation to transport our troops. Protection from sabotage by termite subversives; denounces hoarding and black marketing and urges sale of War Bonds; requires conscientious objectors to serve in non-combatant services; con-

tinuation of scientific research in nuclear and other technical fields, and immediate curtailment of Governmental expenditures are highlights.

Putting teeth into that part of the statement of policy relating to subversives and fifth columnists, Department Commander Lewis K. Gough, of Pasadena, California, presented a further resolution:

"Any person who knowingly aids, abets, assists or in any way practices the implementation of the subversive policy of a nation bent upon the destruction of our government by violence or other means be subject to imprisonment as a criminal."

The resolution was adopted with a roar of approval after National Commander Craig asked its proponent if the measure applied to the communist element. Department Commander Gough replied that the commies were the target of his resolution.

Pension and Bonus Proposals

A resolution introduced by Past Department Commander Charles M. Blackburn, Versailles, Kentucky, endorsed and affirmed the action of the National Executive Committee taken in the emergency telephonic conference. The resolution gave added strength and support to priority of Universal Military Training legislation as the No. 1 need in the national defense structure. The resolution continued, advisory to the National Commander:

"Endorse the action of the members of said Committee (NEC) in adopting such a policy and further go on record as advising the National Commander that it is the opinion of this meeting that he and those who work with him on legislative matters should:

(1) Refuse, for the duration of the present crisis, to advocate any new veterans' pension legislation.

(2) Refuse, for the duration of the present crisis, to support any bonus bills.

(3) Refuse, for the duration of the present crisis, to ask for any additional benefits or extension of time under the GI Bill of Rights except to make them applicable to those fighting in the Armed Forces of the U.S. in the present emergency, at the request of the U.N."

This resolution was further clarified by a resolution presented by William G. McKinley, of Jersey City, National Executive Committeeman for New Jersey, who pointed out that the casualties suffered in the fighting in Korea are in no wise different from those of a fully declared state of war, insofar as



Huddled before a Far Eastern map, Lee Pennington, (left), FBI Inspector and Past Department Commander of the District of Columbia; Paul H. Griffith, (center), Assistant Secretary of Defense and Past National Commander, and National Commander George N. Craig discuss the Korean situation at the meeting of Department Commanders and representatives at National Headquarters on July 23. At right, Erle Cocke, Jr., Chairman of the Legion's National Security Commission, reports on the state of defenses of the nation and outlined the Universal Military Training plan.

their effects upon the fighting men and women and their families and dependents are concerned. His resolution, which was adopted, provided:

"That we urge upon the National Commander and other appropriate agencies of The American Legion to forthwith petition the Congress of the United States to enact such legislation as may be required to extend by law to the members of the Armed Forces now in the field or who may hereafter be ordered into the services under the present emergent circumstances, the status of veterans for the purpose of assuring them and their dependents, disability and dependent benefits now applicable to veterans of the Great Wars."

Strongly denouncing black marketing and hoarding of scarce materials, Department Commander Frank G. Clement, of Nashville, Tennessee, proposed a plan of action in the Posts to preserve and protect the local and national economies. He proposed the immediate appointment in each of the 17,418 Posts of an Emergency Committee as a fact-finding and advisory group whose principal purpose would be to assist in checking such inflationary movements as black marketing and unnecessary buying, and particularly to make a survey of the national expenditures in local areas. Commander Clement proposed:

"That each Department Commander immediately urge the abolition of partisan and unnecessary demands on the Government treasury, and take steps to insure the appointment of a 'Legion Emergency Committee' within each Post, said Committee to have the responsibility for making an immediate survey of Government expenditures in the local area, with the purpose of recommending to the appropriate Government officials and elected Representatives and Senators the immediate curtailment or elimination of all Government expenditures not essential to the national security and the public welfare."

Other speakers who discussed vital phases of activating the new policy of the National Executive Committee and the advisory actions of the special "crisis session" of the Department representatives were Elmer W. Sherwood, of Indianapolis, Chairman of the Legion's National Legislative Commission, and Herman Luhrs, of Birmingham, Michigan, Chairman of the Legion's National Public Relations Commission.

Past National Commander Paul H. Griffith, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, now serving as an Assistant Secretary of Defense, brought to the meeting the assurances of the Defense Department's intense interest and support of a plan of Universal Military Training, and stressed the need for such a plan to provide trained men for immediate service when needed.

Lee Pennington, of Washington, an Inspector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (long-time Legionnaire and Past Department Commander of the District of Columbia), discussed internal security and the service of the Legion and Legionnaires in preserving our security at home. Inspector Pennington cited case after case of vital Legion help during the course of World War II and in post-war investigations. He asked that the Legion, through its Departments, continue the work, particularly in dealing with saboteurs and with groups and individuals seeking to subvert the national effort. The Inspector stressed the necessity of working through Department officers, to whom all calls for action will be transmitted.

Craig Tells the Nation

The deliberations of the special conference were suspended for a half hour at 1:15 on Sunday afternoon (July 23) when National Commander Craig went on the air in a national broadcast through the facilities of CBS, to announce to the country at large the decisions of the National Executive Committee. Striking strongly and effectively in words that left no doubt as to their

meaning, the Legion chief made an appeal for national unity and for the means to provide an adequate national defense.

"There can no longer be any doubt of the gravity of the crisis facing America and the world today," Commander Craig said. "The President has told us in no uncertain terms that the communist 'act of raw aggression' in Korea is 'an outright breach of the peace.' He has confirmed the belief of many of us that soon 'armed aggression may take place in other areas.'"

Commander Craig pledged the three million Legionnaires to all-out support of the President and the Government. "We stand ready to perform what tasks the Government may assign to us," he said in prefacing the remarks on the action of the National Executive Committee in demanding curtailment of Government expenditures which do not contribute to national security or public welfare, and in announcing the decision on the part of the Legion to postpone advocacy of new pension legislation or bonus proposals. This, he said, gave the decision the weight of a patriotic example.

"The handwriting on the wall indicates that the invasion of Korea is but an item on the timetable of communism to destroy world peace," the Commander continued. "It is to destroy that timetable of violence that a *decision now* must be made by the American people. Many of our brave American youth are falling and dying today in Korea, paying the fearful price of inadequate training and of insufficient weapons and supplies."

"Universal Military Training is security insurance for our nation and survival insurance for our young men. In war the trained live, the untrained die."

The Legion chief asked for support of citizens to put the law on the statute books. "Universal Military Training has gathered dust in Congressional pigeonholes too long. With your help now it will win!"

Legion Mobilizes National Forces in Drive For Immediate Enactment of UMT Legislation

Six Months Basic Training And Another 6 Months of Service Training is Provided

By Miles D. Kennedy
National Legislative Director

The mobilization of the 17,418 Posts of The American Legion for its greatest drive for immediate enactment of Universal Military Training legislation was blueprinted at an extraordinary session of all continental Department Commanders or their representatives at National Headquarters, Indianapolis, on Sunday, July 23.

Out of the special planning conference came the unanimous decision that the safety of the nation depends upon the strength of our defenses — and that a reservoir of trained manpower under a Universal Military Training system is the first need of these defenses. National Commander George N. Craig, in calling the Legion to action in his "Decision Now" address to the nation, called for the adoption of UMT as "the most effective national security measure obtainable by America at the least possible cost."

Universal Military Training is the Number 1 item on the Legion's legislative agenda.

Action at Washington

Immediately after adjournment of the special meeting at Indianapolis on July 23, National Commander Craig, Legislative Chairman Elmer W. Sherwood, Security Chairman Erle Cocke, Jr., and other national officials and chairmen left for Washington to start the drive for immediate enactment of UMT legislation.

Never again should we be caught napping when an aggressor strikes. Time is on the side of the aggressor. He is prepared. Korea is an object lesson.

National Commander Craig calls upon Legionnaires and non-Legionnaires alike to support Universal Military Training. Write your Senators and Congressmen — tell them what you think of the situation — demand passage of the Universal Military Training legislation — forward all replies, or copies of letters, to the National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, 734 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for tabulation.

Individual support is vital. Write your Senators and Representatives today.

Highlights of the UMT Bill

The proposed law is stand-by legislation to be put into effect on the recommendation of the Commission provided for in the measure, and at the discretion

of the President. There would be no interference with the current war effort (now under Selective Service) and no young men would be called up until the present crisis has passed.

Among other things, the proposed bill provides:

1. The establishment of the National Security Training Commission which shall consist of three members, at least two of whom shall be appointed from civilian life by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The third member may be a member of the Defense Department.

2. The Commission shall establish the policies and standards of training to be set up under the National Security Training Commission. The field training would be in ground, air and naval arms, and each registrant would be entitled to request and receive training in the service of his choice.

Training Requirements

3. The period of training would be for one year, with the basic training to be for six months, commencing with the date of induction. The remaining six months by options or alternatives such as additional training on active duty with the corps; voluntary enlistment in any of the regular services; enlistment and service in a National Guard or Air National Guard or Organized Naval Reserve or Organized Marine Corps Reserve; enlistment and service in the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Army or enlisted reserve component of the Air Force and assignment to an organized unit for which he is entitled to receive pay for attendance at drills or equivalent duty, for such period as may be authorized by law; entrance into the service in either the Military, Naval or Coast Guard Academy; enrollment and service in the Naval and Marine Corps Officer Procurement Program; enlistment and service in the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Army or Naval Reserve or the enlisted Reserve or the enlisted Reserve Components of the Air Force or Marine Corps Reserve for at least such period as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe, and entrance upon a college course, including Reserve Officers' Training Corps or Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps or Air Reserve Officers' Training Corps training and an agreement to accept a Reserve Commission in the appropriate service if offered upon completion of the course; enlistment and service in the U. S. Naval Reserve, and entrance into either the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy or Navy Accredited State Maritime Academy accompanied by an agreement on the part of the trainee to accept a commission in the Naval Reserve at the completion of the course, if offered; enlistment and service in the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Army or Naval Reserve or enlisted

reserve component of the Air Force or Marine Corps Reserve for at least such period as the Commission may prescribe, and the pursuance of an approved course of technical or specialist training in such school.

4. The Commission will prescribe the uniform to be adopted and worn by trainees during their period of field instruction.

5. Provisions are made for the protection of the health, morals and religion of the trainees; there will be the least possible interference with their education.

6. An allowance of \$30.00 per month is made in addition to necessary transportation between the trainee's home and the camp to which he is assigned, as well as his transportation upon returning from such camp.

7. Dependency allowances are also provided.

8. Compensation in the event of death or disability are provided at the rates prescribed by law and would be handled by the U. S. Employees Compensation Commission, rather than by the Armed Forces or the Veterans Administration.

9. The Commission will have an Advisory Board of at least ten and not more than twenty-five citizens specially selected from civilian life, three of whom may be members of the Regular Military Establishments.

10. Young men in any category exempt from registration pursuant to the provisions of the Selective Service Act will be exempt from registration under the Bill.

11. Registrants would be males between the ages of 17 and 19, inclusive. (The present Selective Service Law requires registration at 18, for induction from 19 to 26.)

Legion Basic Program

Universal Military Training is not a new Legion demand. It is not a johnny-come-lately program. It is one of the oldest basic programs, and one that The Legion has insisted upon since its inception. It was conceived of the thought that a strong national defense is not only necessary for our own security, but as our strongest argument for peace. Aggressors will never attack a nation that is prepared.

At its first National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1919 The Legion said:

"We favor a policy of Universal Military Training, and the administration of such policy should be removed from the complete control of any exclusive military caste."

Selective Service is a temporary expedient in time of emergency, and is so recognized by President Truman. The President has repeatedly urged the establishment of Universal Military Training as the one proper permanent solution of the trained manpower problem.

The time for temporizing is past. We cannot compromise. Universal Military Training is a MUST.

Write your Senators and Representatives today.

5th Boys' Nation Gives Week Of Thrills To 86 Junior Citizens; Called Best Ever Held

Eighty-six outstanding young men, representing 44 Departments, participated in the Legion's Fifth Boys Nation held in Washington, D. C., July 21-27, and made it "the best Boys Nation yet." George Jefferson, Jr., Portland, Oregon, was elected president and Tom Rutter, Munhall, Penna., vice president, in a spirited election which followed heated party conventions and campaigning.

Headquarters and site of the political activity was Fort Myer, Virginia, and gracious host to the boys and staff members were Col. J. V. Cole, Commanding Officer of Fort Myer, and Major Everett Lowry, Jr., and his First Battalion of the Third Infantry Regiment.

The climactic event of the week chocked full with thrills was a visit to the White House, where the boys were received by Legionnaire President Harry S. Truman with a warm hand shake and an address. The boys were permitted to take pictures of the President. Other thrilling features included Boys Nation Senate hearings with U. S. Senator Aiken of Vermont and Phillip Ailsworth, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, appearing on an agriculture bill, and Senator Mundt, of South Dakota, discussing the Mundt-Ferguson-Johnson Subversive Activities Control Bill. Later in a three-hour Boys Nation Senate session on Capitol Hill, the agriculture bill was defeated and the Subversive Activities Control Bill, with amendments, was adopted unanimously.

Received at Pentagon

Secretary of Defense Johnson met the boys in his office at the Pentagon, where he and his civilian aides, Frank Pace, Secretary of the Army; Francis P. Matthews, Secretary of the Navy; and Thomas K. Finletter, Secretary of the Air Force, addressed the group. Secretary of State Dean Acheson spoke to the boys at the State Department; Attorney General McGrath briefed them on activity in the Justice Department; and Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House, addressed the boys at the Capitol, with Representative James Davis, of Georgia, answering their questions. President Paul F. Douglass, of American University, ably outlined the objectives of Boys Nation to the boys. Justice Harold H. Burton spoke to the delegates on the United States Supreme Court, and answered questions relating thereto; and the boys heard a thrilling address on World Affairs by Erle Coker, Jr., chairman of The Legion's National Security Commission.

Boys Nation visited Washington's outstanding shrines, traveled to Mt. Vernon, visited the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, with full military honors; heard the United States Marine Band, the United States Army Band and the Andrews Air Force Base Band; toured the F.B.I., and witnessed a display of military per-

sonnel and equipment at Fort Myer through the courtesy of Col. J. V. Cole.

Speakers at the annual Press and Radio Dinner, arranged by The American Legion Public Relations Division, were columnist Peter Edson, commentator and author Felix Morley, and Benjamin M. McKelway, editor of the *Washington Evening Star*.

The week of thrills was concluded with a graduation address in the United States Senate Office Building by Alben W. Barkley, Vice President of the United States. The award of certificates, lapel pins and gifts of appreciation concluded the fifth annual event with comment from the 86 young men that their week's participation in Federal Government was the greatest week in their lives.

"RED, WHITE AND BLUE" TO HAVE PREMIERE OCTOBER 7

A world premiere with all the star-studded trimmings in the best and most glamorous tradition of Hollywood will be on the schedule for Legionnaires attending the 1950 Convention in Los Angeles. The spectacular American revue sponsored by The American Legion will have its opening at the big Paramount Theatre in Los Angeles on Saturday evening, October 7.

It will be a prelude to the opening of the 32nd National Convention on the Monday morning following—one of the first big events set up for the entertainment of the Legionnaires who will flock into the City of the Angels by thousands for the Convention.

Nation-wide interest has been aroused in the show, which promises to be one of the most elaborate musical revues ever staged in the United States. The Paramount Theatre, where the premiere will take place, is one of the biggest glamor spots in the world. For years it has been the showcase of all of Paramount's biggest productions and this marks the first time in history that it has been given over to a full-scale stage production.

Tickets for the world premiere of "Red, White and Blue" on Saturday evening, October 7, have been scaled at \$10, \$5.00 and \$3.00, tax included. Since the number of seats is limited to 4,000, the producers suggest that Legionnaires who want to attend the opening send their applications, accompanied by the required amount, immediately to "Red, White and Blue," 2035 N. Highland Avenue, Hollywood 28, California.

The show will continue at the Paramount every evening until and including October 25, with matinees on Saturdays. Tickets for these performances are priced at: evenings \$4.80, \$4.20, \$3.00 and \$2.40; matinees, \$3.60, \$3.00, \$2.40 and \$1.80, all taxes included.

The show will go on tour after the close of the Los Angeles engagement.

LUTHER COLLEGE AWARDS LHD DEGREE TO KRAABEL



T. O. KRAABEL

T. O. Kraabel, Director of the Legion's National Rehabilitation Commission, has been awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Luther College, of Decorah, Iowa. He was one of five outstanding alumni, all Legionnaires, honored at

the commencement exercises of the 89-year-old institution.

A Bachelor of Arts, Class of 1915, Director Kraabel was singled out for "the particular achievement and merit you have won in your field." He has made a distinguished record as a career man in veterans' service work as Service Officer of North Dakota from 1927 to 1937, and since that date with the National Rehabilitation Commission, located at the Washington branch of the National Headquarters. Director Kraabel joined the Commission as Claims Representative, later being promoted to Executive Secretary. On the resignation of Watson Miller in 1941 he was named Director.

Other honorary degrees conferred were to Dr. C. W. Strom, U.S. Consul General of Mexico City; Congressman H. O. Talle, DCL, whose district includes Decorah; Dr. B. J. Hovde, Litt. D. President, New School for Social Research, New York City, and Dr. M. H. Trytten, Director, Office of Scientific Personnel, National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

AREA MEMBERSHIP CONFABS TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER

A series of membership conferences, beginning on August 26th and continuing into September, has been scheduled by National Headquarters. These conferences, which will cover the entire country, are called early in order to inspire an early membership effort. The meetings will be open and, in addition to the Membership Chairman and Committee members, it is hoped that Department and District officials will attend.

Dates and places of the conferences are as follows:

Area 1. Manchester, New Hampshire; Carpenter Hotel; September 9-10, for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Area 2. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Penn-Sheraton Hotel; August 26-27, for New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Area 3. Baltimore, Maryland; Southern Hotel; September 9-10, for West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia.

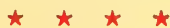
Area 4. Columbia, South Carolina; Jefferson Hotel; September 9-10, for
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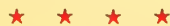
Edina Post No. 471 was awarded the Lewis H. Brittin Trophy which is given annually at the Minnesota Department Convention in recognition of distinguished service in the advancement of aeronautics in Minnesota by an American Legion Post . . . New York Port of Embarkation Post No. 1773 won top trophy in 1950 membership in Kings County, New York, with a membership of 277 on a quota of 60, for a grand total of 462 percent. Presentation of trophy was made at County Convention by County Commander Matthew J. Troy. An Auxiliary Unit of 70 members has been organized in this new Post.



The Good Citizenship Medal of Syracuse (New York) Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, was awarded National Commander George N. Craig at a formal meeting on June 16. Presentation was made by Charles P. Morse, Chairman of the SAR Americanism Committee and long an active Legionnaire . . . Lake Weir Post No. 262, Weirsdale, Florida, with a membership of 75, has leased a two-acre lot and erected a \$15,000 club house and Post home. The Auxiliary equipped the kitchen at a cost of \$1,500, reports Historian Joe R. Alsopp . . . During the course of WW2, Jan H. Janssen lived at Haarlem, Holland, and was instrumental in assisting 190 American and allied soldiers to escape the Germans, receiving citations from Netherlands, American and British commands. Now located at Roscoe, Illinois, Mr. Janssen is extremely anxious to contact airmen he aided.

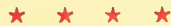


A Heroism Medal was presented to R. A. Anderson by Hearin-Connolly Post No. 32, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, at a ceremony held on July 3, for his heroic action in rescuing a drowning man . . . Davis Daniel Post No. 133, Dawson, Georgia, presented a Life Membership card to Past Commander Erle Cocke, Jr., WW2 vet who is a Georgia Past Department Commander and is currently serving as Chairman of the Legion's National Security Commission . . . The Department of Missouri has completed plans for the construction of a splendid headquarters building at Jefferson City.



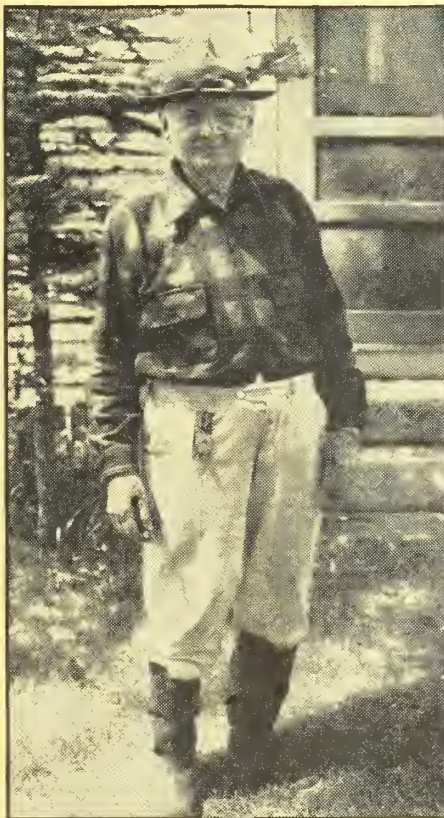
Lowe-McFarlane Post No. 14, Shreveport, Louisiana, with a membership of 5,112, has made an all-time high record for 1950, reports Publicist A. B. Kreuger, and has taken down a flock of citations from both the Department and National Headquarters. The Post has a splendid property on Caddo Lake, dedicated a year ago, with fine recreational facilities. Valued at \$150,000, the property is entirely debt-free . . . There's a bit of interstate mix-up at Canaan, Vermont, where a husband and wife team skippers Northland Post No. 47, which baffled Department officers. Commander Floyd C. Emery and President Thelma M.

Emery live in South Canaan, their post-office address is Colebrook, New Hampshire, phone exchange is Lemington, Vermont, and the Legion home is located in the village of Beecher Falls, Vermont.



In its "Teach Religion" campaign, Somerville (Massachusetts) Post No. 19 erected full-sized billboard on the lawn in front of the city hall, "For a Better Community Teach Children Religion!" The display attracted attention and won commendation from the Ministers' Association . . . At the 5th annual reunion of the 68th Station Hospital in New York City, Lt. Col. Frank O. Alexander, M.C., presented the original flag of the unit to the vet. association. The hospi-

OLD TIMERS FIELD DAY IS MAINE LEGION EVENT



For a score of years the annual Legion Field Day given by Past National Vice Commander Edward J. Quinn at his Quinn-Egan Farm at Gray, Maine, has been a red-letter event in the Pine Tree State Legion. Each year leaders of the organization, as well as leaders in government and civil life, gather at the old homestead, which dates back to Revolutionary days, for talk, good fellowship and a bait of the best lobsters and clams taken from Maine waters. Eddie Quinn, the host, active in the Legion since its organization, is a Spanish-American and WW1 veteran. He served as National Vice Commander in 1938-39 with National Commander Stephen F. Chadwick.

tal served 46 months in the ETO, was cited for its work in the Battle of the Bulge, and served famous units such as the 29th Infantry and 101st Airborne Divisions . . . Here's one for the book. Fred Tober, Sturgis, Michigan, WW1 vet and Neuman-Wenzel Post No. 73 member, is an active baseball player at the age of 57.



When Andrew Massey joined Sergeant Francis M. Glynn Post No. 132, Franklin, New Jersey, he became the fifth Massey brother on the membership roll - four, Andrew, Gabe, Louis and Joseph, are Army vets, and all served in the ETO. James was a Navy Pharmacist's Mate 1c and fought his war in the Pacific area . . . Lt. Col. C. C. Holbrook, (Box 79, Fort Belvoir, Virginia), announces publication of a 96-page history of the 5th Engineer Combat Battalion . . . Continuing the annual Memorial service begun at Raritan, New Jersey, in 1877 by John G. Shackleton Post No. 85, Grand Army of the Republic, Raritan Post No. 23 took over shortly after its organization and has held the impressive service, honoring the dead of the World Wars as well as the Civil War, for nearly 30 years.



About five years ago Charles F. Smith, 112 Porter Street, Cleves, Ohio, picked up an officer's dog-tag on Corregidor, Manila Bay, belonging to Lt. W. A. Scrivener, 0-356082. What happened to Lt. Scrivener? . . . C. Howard Larsen, Baldwin, New York, WW1 vet and Past Commander of Baldwin Post, has been elected Nassau County Commander. Commander Larsen, serving as a Red Cross field man in WW2, hit the beach at Leyte with his Red Cross jeep, on return to the Philippines, with the first waves of the initial assault made by the 34th Infantry, 24th Division. He was serving coffee to the men within a couple of hours after landing, and had a brimming cup ready for General MacArthur when he waded ashore right in front of Redcrossman Larsen's position . . . Legionnaire Bruce Stubblefield, ex-Oklahoma but now of Washington, has been promoted to the position of Chief of the Civil Service Commission's Veterans' Service Section. He succeeds Charles R. Anderson, appointed Chairman of the Commission's Board of Appeals and Review.



James A. Hard, nation's oldest living veteran and member of the Grand Army of the Republic, celebrated his 109th birthday at Rochester, New York, on July 15. Puffing a cigar, he welcomed the several hundred younger veterans who attended the reception given in his honor . . . George Leukhardt, Vice Commander of Warren F. Hoyle Post No. 82, Shelby, North Carolina, signed up 567 members during the year and has been awarded the Department Class A Membership Trophy - he's the Tarheel champ . . . Legionnaire Millard Wyman, Shreveport, Louisiana, signed up 511 of the 5,112 members of Lowe-McFarlane Post No. 14. "Pretty good job," comments Department Adjutant Matt Monaghan.

WHO ARE THE GI JOES YOU FIND IN THE GROUP OF VA HOSPITALS?

Administrator Gray Takes Head-Count of Hospitalized Vets As of January 31; Census Refutes Oft-Repeated Charge of Critics That Hospitals Are Loaded Down With Free-Riders

By T. O. KRAABEL

Director, National Rehabilitation Commission

Is it true that The American Legion has asked Uncle Sam to provide hospitalization for all the veterans of all the wars? Does our organization really expect that all of the 19 millions of the war veterans will require medical and hospital care at the expense of the Federal government?

The available information didn't support such reasoning, but there was some doubt in the minds of critics about the types of veterans who are being treated in the Veterans Administration hospitals. These doubts were created by those who, when thinking about Federal economy, look first for ways to curtail benefits Congress has provided for veterans. These doubting citizens have made many assertions regarding alleged abuses of the VA hospitalization privileges.

National Commander Craig wanted accurate information about our hospitalized veterans prepared in such form that not only the experts, but the average veteran along with other citizens, could get a clear idea of the patient who meets all the VA hospital eligibility tests created by law and regulation. Though the doubting citizen doesn't always know it, there are a number of effective road blocks facing the veteran who desires to qualify for VA hospitalization.

Hospital Census Ordered

Last January National Commander Craig asked the help of General Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, in taking an actual census of the 122,224 veterans who had overcome all of the obstacles and were in actual fact, patients of the VA.

To assist Commander Craig in getting the desired information, General Gray directed that a census be taken. To get a clear picture as of a given date, January 31, 1950 was selected to count noses in the VA and non-VA hospitals, treating veterans of all our wars. Right across the land all hospital managers queried every other veteran remaining as a patient on that day. The 122,224 veterans hospitalized that day qualified in one of nine different categories according to the special enumeration blank that had been provided for this purpose.

The statistics compiled came from officials of the Veterans Administration. The interpretations of the figures are those of National Commander Craig, who had the assistance of the National Rehabilitation staff in this study.

First, it was found that of the whole number hospitalized, 42,528 were oc-

cupying VA beds because of service-connected disabilities.

Next, from this January 31 census, it was learned there were an additional 18,592 veterans who had service-connected disabilities, but were being treated for other conditions that might or might not be related to the service-incurred disablement. For example, this group would include the veteran with a service-connected asthmatic condition who was hospitalized for a heart ailment.

Those two groups, totaling 61,120, are approximately 50 per cent of all VA hospitalized veterans who have service-connected disabilities. Even the original old John Pinchpenny wouldn't object to the government providing for their hospital care.

Non-service-Connected

After considering those hospitalized with service-connected disabilities, National Commander Craig turned an inquisitive eye on others who had passed all the eligibility rules to find out who were the select group of veterans receiving VA medical and hospital treatment.

He learned that an additional 23,948 of these veterans were receiving non-service connected disability pensions. That means the VA had determined they were totally and permanently disabled and that they had limited incomes. This was a large segment of the veterans who were definitely in need of hospitalization, who hadn't the money to pay for hospitalization, and thereby were surely entitled to the best medical care the Nation could provide. It is doubtful that any investigator would bar any of these veterans from the VA hospitals.

Sometimes the VA has the claimant for service-connected compensation hospitalized for treatment and observation so that it may be determined whether the veteran is eligible to receive the benefits provided by Congress. National Commander Craig found there were 3,684 veterans in the VA hospitals on January 31 who had filed claims for compensation and who had claims pending, or on appeal. Many of this group eventually would secure compensation for service-connected disabilities even though most of them were hospitalized on their own applications rather than on the orders initiated by the VA.

In similar circumstances another group of 4,688 hospitalized veterans were those who had filed claims for non-service connected disability pensions. They thought themselves totally and

permanently disabled, and had claims pending or on appeal, and the record of their hospital stay would permit the VA to make a determination as to their entitlement for this benefit.

Among those who feel that they have service-connected disabilities but whose claims have been disallowed were a group of some 5,678 veterans. As in other categories there were many among them who finally would establish their claims for service-connection to the satisfaction of the VA.

An additional group of 4,238 veterans were those whose claims for non-service connected disability pensions had been denied. These badly disabled, though their claims are currently in a state of disallowance, wouldn't be expected to turn to expensive community hospitals for treatment since, while needing treatment, they couldn't provide the funds necessary to secure such treatment.

Were there any of the 122,224 hospitalized veterans who had never filed a claim for either compensation or pension? Yes, there were 9,988 hospitalized for nervous and mental disorders, tuberculosis and other conditions. Many in this group weren't in position to give an intelligent reason to support a claim if one had been filed. Economy-minded experts probably could find few in this group to whom they would deny VA hospitalization.

Some in Non-VA Hospitals

Another segment of 7,646 including women veterans, veterans from our citizens in Puerto Rico, and others carrying the non-service connected label, were hospitalized in non-VA hospitals. The information about this group wasn't so complete as it was about those in some of the other categories.

Using information gathered by the VA in the same enumeration National Commander Craig learned that, as of January 31, 1950, there were 98,954 hospitalized veterans including the service-connected, the non-service connected, tubercular, nervous and mental patients, and the permanently and totally disabled general medical and surgical patients. These 98,954 patients composed 81 per cent of the 122,224 patients remaining in hospitals under VA authorization as of January 31, 1950.

The remaining 19 per cent were found to include:

- 7,760 general medical and surgical cases where no claims were filed
- 4,226 cases where claims for service-connection were pending, on appeal, or denied
- 4,576 cases where claims for pensions were on appeal or denied
- 5,754 cases in non-VA hospitals where the claims status was not revealed

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COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Co. A, 22nd Infantry—Will Pvt. Isaac Davis, this outfit 1924-25, or anyone who knows his present address, please write. Statement in reference to injury needed. Ernest D. Holt, Route 1, Hartford, Tenn.

Service Battery, 16th FA Bn., 9th Armored Div.—Want to locate William Duggan; property settlement. Hollis A. Fife, 5 Elm St., Westboro, Mass.

Battery A, 867th FA Bn., 65th Div.—Need present addresses of 1st Lt. Schroeder, Btry. Commander; Sgt. Domanicki, Cpl. Quinn, T-5 Wilder, (hurt in same wreck); Pfc. Carman, Hinton and Weber. Statements needed to establish injuries in truck accident in Germany, April 4, 1945. Write John D. Herman, Ottoville, Ohio, or Thomas F. Gallagher, County Service Officer, Lima, Ohio.

478th Battalion, Lado, India—Need to locate Capt. F. M. Arnold, M.C., (home address believed to be Macon, Ga.), at Lado in June-July, 1946. Statement required. Ernest G. Zegeer, (T-5), Box 158, Whitesville, W. Va.

Co. A, SCRTC, Camp Crowder, Mo., and Co. A, 62nd Signal Bn., 91st Div.—Will anyone who remembers Clyde R. McCartney and recalls that he suffered from a skin disease or other injuries at Camp in Africa or in Philippines, please write. Winston F. Wiggs, Claims Officer, The American Legion, 1101 N. Broadway, Oklahoma City, Okla.

1537th AAF Base Unit, Guam—Men who served with Adolphus F. Rotax, particularly Royal Harris, H. Kratz, Henry Shatsman, James Peters, Jim Paddock, R. J. Sparks, H. L. Strevel, James Walters, Amidore A. Walters, please write George E. Roscoe, Service Officer, 5 Maple St., Vergennes, Vermont. Statements needed for claim.

Submarine Div. 161 or USS Puffer—Need statements from shipmates about injury to legs in 1944; Pharmacist Mate, Puffer, (4th or 5th run), please write, Donald R. Switzer, (MOM2c), 1326 Stanwix Drive, Toledo, Ohio.

USS PGM 14—Any persons aboard ship about April 1, 1946, are asked to write me; statement needed for injury in accident. Reid Redfern, (MOMM3c), 123 Kern St., Thomasville, Ga.

USS Nitro, (AE 2), Engineering Div.—Need to contact men who served with me 1940-43, and others who know of injury to ankle. Russell P. Wiggins, Route 3, Madison, Fla.

309th Guard Fire Co., QMC—Urgently needed to hear from men who served in this outfit with my late husband, Kane. Time expires in October. Please write, Mrs. Veronica Kane, 837 Susquehanna Ave., Sunbury, Penna.

182nd Station Hospital—Will anyone who has information that will aid in establishing a claim for PFC JAMES O. WILLIS, for injuries received in Italy, please contact H. L. McInturff, 5 Leadbeater St., Alexandria, Va.

156th Construction Bn.—Need help to establish a claim; will Robert Crain, T. B. Smith, "Poker" Smith, Earl Hendrix, King and Gregory, and others who knew me in service please write. James O. Russell, R4, Box 45, Brookhaven, Miss.

STU, MRTC, Camp Pickett, Va.—Statements urgently needed from service comrades, especially Billy Karen and Harvey Cline, and others who know of operation on my legs. George Pottle, RFD 1, North Bath, Maine.

Co. G, 255th Infantry—Will S/Sgt. James Rosa and Pvt. David R. Guy please contact Richard L. Smith, 105 Phillips St., Jackson, Tenn. Information needed to support disability claim.

US Navy, (WW1)—Information and present address of George Frank McDannell is urgently needed; lived at Erie, Pa., until disappearance in 1925; served in Navy, MM1/c1, 1917-1920; height 5'10"; weight 132 in 1918, brown hair, grey eyes, complexion fair. Write F. B. Simms, Chief, Life Insurance Claims Division, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

58th FA Bn.—Will anyone who knows present address of Captain Switzer, M.C., North Africa in 1943, and the 1st Lt., M.C., same outfit, please write Louis F. Fierge, 318 Broadway, Quincy, Ill.

Battery A, 55th AA, Bn., Camp Callan, Calif.—Will Pvt. Bean and Larry Burnham, (both believed Long Beach, Cal.); Sgt. Choates, Julian, Cal., and Harold Jensen, Poicoima, Cal., and others who knew me in early part of 1943, please write. Statements in regard to ear condition. I. S. Barboza, 472 Third St., Chino, Cal.

Battery B, 83rd CAC, Panama—Will Major Brady, Capt. Shreder and others who remember the boxing bout on Thanksgiving night, 1942, when I suffered head injuries and was hospitalized at Fort Amador, please write, I need help with my claim. Eugene L. Forcinio, General Delivery, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

925th Ordnance Depot—Must have statements from men (Lt. D. D. Thompson, Sgt. Calvin E. Eastridge and others) who were with me when I was injured in wreck of a command car or jeep near Munich, Germany, in February or March, 1946. Please write. James M. Lyon, Roaring River, N. C.

318th Engineers, 6th Division—Will anyone in this outfit who knows of my operation please write. Hubert E. Ericson, Barracks 2, 78-164, Wadsworth, Kans., or Mrs. Marie Ericson, 317 N. 19th St., St. Joseph, Mo.

276th Repl. Co., Dorfold, England—Will 1st Lt.

H. W. Anderson, Adjutant, and Capt. Thalmann, M.C., please write. Need statement of injury while on duty at enlisted men's mess, August 6 or 8, 1944, by coming in contact with live wire. John Salzman, (T-4), Dos Rios, Cal.

24th Engineers (WW1)—Does anyone know the whereabouts of James J. Brown, Pvt. in above outfit, discharged Fort Dix, N. J., July 23, 1919. Info necessary to settle estate. Write Harry Windle, Service Officer, J. E. Frobisher Post No. 99, 88 Argyle Place, Arlington, N. J.

Camp Stanley, Texas—Need to hear from anyone in Cavalry Replacement Draft, above camp, in October, 1918. Need help to establish claim. S. J. Franco, 31 Piedmont St., Worcester 3, Mass. Company H, 35th Inf. Regt., 99th Div.—Any service comrade who remembers T/5 Leon W. St. Pierre, please write him at once at 21 Ash St., Winchendon, Mass. Needs statements.

106th Infantry, 27th Division—"Leo the Medic" urgently needs to locate Major David Waterson, 1st Bn., Corp. Huebner, also correspondent of "Stars and Stripes" who witnessed his action on Okinawa, April, 1945. Will anyone who knows present address please write; statements needed for record of service. Leo Rosskamm, (ex-T/5, M.D.), 562 W. 113th St., New York 25, N. Y.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

6th (Red Star) Infantry Division Assn. (Ohio Sector)—Convention, Columbus, Ohio, September 9-10; Deshler-Wallick Hotel. Write Orva Detrick, Convention Chairman, 122 S. Shaffer St., Springfield, Ohio.

6th (Super 6th) Armored Division—3rd annual reunion, New York City, September 1-3; Hotel New Yorker. Info from William Rutledge, Secy.-Treas., P. O. Box A, Yackinville, N. C.

8th (Pathfinder) Infantry Division Assn.—3rd annual reunion, Cincinnati, Ohio, November 16-18; Netherlands Plaza Hotel. Details from Chalmers A. Young, Exec. Secy., 1736 Kemper Ave., Cincinnati 31, Ohio.

27th (New York) Division Assn.—Annual reunion, Albany, N. Y., October 6-7; Hotel Ten Eyck. Write Joseph P. Dooley, Secy., 640 Madison Ave., Albany, N. Y.

29th (Blue and Gray) Infantry Division—Annual national convention, Baltimore, Md., September 1-4; Lord Baltimore Hotel. Details and info from William C. Nicklas, Convention Chairman, 4318 Walther Blvd., Baltimore 14, Md.

32nd (Red Arrow) Infantry Division—Annual reunion, both WWs, Madison, Wis., September 2-4. Info from Joseph A. Hrdlick, Natl. Secy., 1806 N. 49th St., Milwaukee 8, Wis.

33rd (Yellow Cross) Infantry Division, (Los Angeles Chapter)—Dinner meeting, both WWs, October 10, during Legion National Convention. Reservations limited to 500. Write Bob Linder, 5323 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal.

34th (Red Bull) Infantry Division—3rd annual reunion, Des Moines, Iowa, September 16-17. Write Col. Ed Bird, 6708 University, Des Moines, Iowa.

36th (Texas) Infantry Division Assn.—Annual reunion, Fort Worth, Texas, October 27-29; Texas Hotel. Information from Gen. Richard B. Dunbar, 815½ Throckmorton St., Fort Worth, Texas.

37th (Buckeye) Infantry Division Assn., (California Chapter)—Reunion headquarters, the Desert Room, Alexandria Hotel, in Los Angeles during Legion Convention, October 9-12. Both WWs. Info from Howard H. Sturwald, Secy., P. O. Box 50, Vet Administration Branch, Los Angeles 25, Cal.

43rd (Winged Victory) Infantry Division Assn.—4th annual reunion, Old Orchard Beach, Maine, September 8-10. Info from Harold C. Marden, National Commander, Waterville, Maine.

45th (Thunderbird) Infantry Div.—5th annual reunion, Chicago, Ill., October 13-15; Harrison Hotel. Reservations and info from Fred Sheehan, 439 Sherwood Road, La Grange Park, Ill.

77th (Statue of Liberty) Infantry Division—Annual reunion, both WWs, New York City, November 9-11; headquarters 77th Division Club, 28 East 39th St.; Jack Malpass, General Chairman, address him at Club.

89th (Midwest) Infantry Division, (California Sector)—Reunion, Los Angeles, Cal., October 8; Rodger Young Auditorium, 936 W. Washington Blvd. Info from Joe T. Woods, Adjutant, P. O. Box 7844, DeValle Sta., Los Angeles 15, Cal.

91st (Wild West) Infantry Division—Reunion, both WWs, Seattle, Wash., latter part of September. Write Archie Walker, Secy., Drawer 2219, Seattle 11, Wash.

95th (Victory) Infantry Division—1st reunion, Chicago, Ill., October 13-15; Hotel Sherman. Details from Major General Harry L. Twaddle, (Retired), President, P. O. Box 6224, Washington 15, D. C.

100th (Century) Infantry Division—Reunion, Boston, Mass., September 7-9; Hotel Statler. Make reservations through Al Bassaccia, National Secy., Century Assn., Box 86, Hartford 1, Conn.

104th (Timberwolf) Infantry Division—Annual reunion, Pittsburgh, Pa., September 2-4. Contact John G. Davies, Convention Chairman, 2934 W. Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

National Yeoman F—Annual reunion, Los An-

geles, Cal., October 9-12, during Legion Natl. Convention. Info from Mrs. Etta M. Zeh, Chairman, 26870 Dapplegray Lane, Rte. 2, Box 743, Palos Verdes Estate, Lomita, Cal.

Natl. Assn. of Balloon Corps Veterans—19th annual reunion, Los Angeles, Cal., October 7-11; Hotel Mayfair. Annual dinner, October 9, Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel, Blossom Room. Contact Walter W. Quigley, National Commander, 2320 Hagan Drive, Alhambra, Cal. for details.

Battery A, 130th FA, (WW1)—Reunion, Topeka, Kansas, September 24. Write Art Henry, Secy., Box 293, Topeka, Kans.

313th Inf. Regt., old 79th Division—Reunion at Montfaucon Post Club House, 924 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md., September 23. Address reservations to Montfaucon Post, The American Legion, as above.

506th Engineer Light Ponton Co.—Reunion, Cleveland, Ohio, September 2-4; Tudor Arms Hotel. Info from Victor Mizer, Chairman, 1960 E. 73rd St., Cleveland, Ohio.

613th OBAM Bn.—4th annual reunion, Milwaukee, Wis., September 2-4; Ambassador Hotel. Write Richard D. Beck, 3005 N. 53rd St., Milwaukee 10, Wis.

Co. B, 137th Inf., 35th Div.—Reunion, Horton, Kans., September 24. Write Floyd A. McGehe, Secy., Horton, Kans.

60th Seabee Bn.—2nd annual reunion, Alliance, Ohio, September 2-3. Info and reservations from William Meltzer, 1025 S. Union Ave., Alliance, Ohio.

332nd Engineers Construction Regt. (GS)—Reunion, Chicago, Ill., November 10-12; Stevens Hotel. Write Leon Sherwood, Independence, Kans., for details.

671st Bombardment Sqdrn., 416 Bomb Group.—Reunion planned. Personnel write George Marsabian, 54 Luby Ave., Milford, Mass.

689th Amm. Co.—4th annual reunion, Washington, D. C., September 2-4; Wardman Park Hotel. Info from Jim Doran, 9001 Kimes St., Silver Springs, Md.

536th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Co. (Tank)—4th annual reunion, Springfield, Mass., September 16-17; Hotel Kimball. Info from Bayard W. Peabody, Secy., 18 Memorial St., Baldwinville, Mass.

USS Thomas Jefferson, (APA 30)—3rd annual reunion, Chicago, Ill., September 23; Hotel Sheraton. Contact R. E. Sullivan, 415 N. Hamlin Ave., Chicago, Ill.

1st Bn., 185th FA; 194th FA Bn., and 194th FA Group, Hdqrs Btry.—Reunion, Clinton, Iowa, September 2-4. Reservations from Edw. M. Schmidt, 414 22nd Place, Clinton, Iowa.

201st Infantry Regiment—4th annual reunion, Fairmont, W. Va., October 14-15. Vets please advise C. G. (Gus) Comuntzis, P. O. Box 536, Morgantown, W. Va., of your present address.

Battery D, 579th AAA Bn.—Reunion, Avon, N. Y., September 2. Contact Edward McGinnis, R-262 Hughes St., Swoyerville, Pa.

USS Lexington, (CV 2)—Reunion planned for September 9, Chicago, Ill., Chicago Press Club will be headquarters. Write H. S. Foote, Box 8, Naval Air Station, Glenview, Ill., for further details.

51st Station Hospital—Reunion, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 2-4; Hotel Gibson. Info from Frank R. Beard, 57 Parkview, Newport, Ky., or Kenneth E. Haide, Bath, Pa.

Co. G, 410th Inf., 103rd Div.—Reunion, Chicago, Ill., September 15-16. Write Adelbert J. Thoenig, 2512 Burr Oak Ave., Blue Island, Ill.

ORD & BTC #10 (Greensboro, N. C.)—Reunion, Washington, D. C., September 3; Carroll Arms Hotel. Details from Abe Simon, 298 W. Park St., Rochester, Penna.

83rd General Hospital—5th annual reunion, Atlanta, Ga., September 16-17; Hotel Ansley. Info and reservations from John H. Mills, 306 W. Center St., Marion, Ohio.

17th Signal Operations Bn.—5th annual reunion, Cleveland, Ohio, September 2-4; Hotel Allerton. Particulars from E. F. Hofmeister, Secy., 710 Crown Ave., Scranton 5, Pa.

USS Baltimore—Annual reunion, New York City, September 30; Hotel Capitol. Address inquiries to Reunion Committee, care of the hotel.

110th Engineers—32nd annual reunion, both WWs, Kansas City, Mo., September 24; Aladdin Hotel. Reservations and information from George T. Raddant, Secy., 1708 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City 8, Mo.

53rd General Hospital—Reunion, New York City, September 23. Information from Florence Hunter, 609 Kings Highway, Swedesboro, N. J., or call Swedes—N. J. 7-0064.

304th Engineer Veterans Assn., (WW1)—30th annual reunion, Lancaster, Pa., November 11. For details write D. W. Bainbridge, Secy., 208 Yeakel Ave., Philadelphia 18, Pa., or George F. Schuck, President, 5944 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa.

11th FA Veterans Assn.—26th annual reunion, both WWs, Columbus, Ohio, September 2-4; Fort Hayes Hotel. Info from R. J. Summers, Secy., 81 Ampere Parkway, East Orange, N. J.

278th Ordnance Maintenance Co. (AA)—5th annual reunion, New York City, September 30; Midston House. Info from Ed Dutcher, 155 E. 44th St., New York City, or Joe Ceci, 1829 Hone Ave., Bronx 61, N. Y.

34th Infantry Regiment—4th annual reunion, Ledgers State Park, Boone, Iowa, September 10.

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NEW YORK COUNTY HOUSING COMMITTEE HAS BIG WORK

At their annual convention, delegates to the New York County American Legion Convention heard a summary of the operations of the County Housing Committee covering the last five years. The Committee, formed in 1945 to aid veterans in securing quarters in the midst of the worst housing shortage in the country's history, is believed to be the largest operation of its kind among veterans' organizations.

In the last five years, Chairman Edward C. Jackson, former Legion National Housing Committeeman, reported, 7,890 cases were referred to the Committee for action. More than 50 per cent of the applicants were assigned housing in the 57 projects built or under construction throughout the city. The projects include low-rent, non-subsidized and co-operative projects built with city, State or Federal housing funds.

The Housing Committee praised the various Governmental agencies for their work. It was stated that in view of the thousands of cases handled by these agencies the complaints were unusually small. The Committee recommended, too, that private industry increase its activities in the field of housing to prevent complete Governmental control of this work under the pressure and demand of the public for adequate quarters.

Headed by Edward C. Jackson, Past Commander of Captain Belvedere Brooks Post No. 450, New York, the committee has become a model for other communities. Although its primary function is to aid veterans of New York County, it has had veterans appeal from other counties and States, including Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The committee concluded its report with the recommendation that a permanent Housing Committee for the Department of New York be formed to act as a liaison between the State and veterans in all matters regarding housing.

HOSPITAL CENSUS

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Of these four groups totalling 22,316 an estimated one-third would fall in the classification of those hospitalized for chronic disabilities.

As a result of the information given The American Legion by the Veterans Administration regarding the 122,224 patients remaining in VA and non-VA hospitals as of January 31, 1950, National Commander Craig was in position to reach this conclusion:

The program of medical and hospital benefits provided by Congress is being administered in accordance with the established order of preference, i.e., those with service-connected disabilities, those having service-connected disabilities undergoing treatment for other conditions, the emergency cases, and finally the nervous and mental cases and the veteran with chronic disabilities unable to pay for hospitalization elsewhere.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

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Info from George Knoke, Decorah, Iowa, or Dale Arnold, Cresco, Iowa.

Cos. I and K, 110th Infantry, (WW2)—Reunion, Greensburg, Pa., September 2-3; Hotel Greensburg. Make reservations direct or write C. L. Chattaway, 708 Sampson St., Monongahela, Pa.

USS Mount Vernon Assn., (WW1)—32nd annual reunion and dinner, Boston, Mass., September 9; Hotel Lenox. Info and reservations from Earle M. Marston, Paymaster, 28 Vane St., North Quincy 71, Mass.

3115 Ord. Co., 615th OBAM Bn.—Reunion, Coldwater, Mich., September 2-3. Details from James McComb, c/o McComb Shoe Store, Coldwater, Mich.

V-12 Unit, Park College, Parkville, Mo.—Reunion, Kansas City, Mo., Labor Day week end. Write Bob Merce, 1425 Stearns Road, Erie, Mich.

93rd Sea Bee Bn.—3rd annual reunion, New York City, October 7. Contact Frank J. Gismond, 8022 51st Ave., Elmhurst, N. Y., or John J. D'Andrea, 7523 Woolston Ave., Philadelphia 19, Pa.

Bainbridge Personnel—5th annual reunion, Trenton, N. J., October 14-15; Hotel Hildebrecht. Info from Joe Tudor, 939 Pine St., Trenton 8, N. J.

USS Asphalt, (IX 153) 3rd annual reunion, New York City, October 6-8. Write Jerry M. Morse, 99 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn 25, N. Y.

World Wars Tank Corps Assn.—10th annual reunion, Los Angeles, Cal., October 9-11; Biltmore Hotel. Info from Robert O. Vernon, Chairman, 2627 No. Commonwealth, Los Angeles 27, Cal.

East Side YMCA Old Timers Reunion, (both WWs)—Reunion dinner, New York City, October 25; Hans Jaeger's Turn Hall, Lexington Ave. and 85th St. Info from Phil Brauneis, RKO Building, 86th St. and Lexington Ave., New York City.

USS Pocahontas, (WW1)—Reunion, Los Angeles, Cal., during Legion National Convention, October 9-12. Write Morris E. Rose, Director, 410 1/2 Stanley Ave., Los Angeles, or R. Fairley Morris, Secy., Box 117, Maxton, N. C.

USS Joseph T. Dickman—2nd annual reunion, Philadelphia, Pa., October 28; Bellevue Stratford Hotel. Shipmates write Edward E. Anthony, 131 Emerald Ave., W. Cape May, N. J.

Co. 6, 1st Air Service Mechanics Regt., (WW1)—Annual reunion and dinner, New York City, October 21; Hotel Picadilly. Information from Edwin Lord, 11 Otis St., Everett 49, Mass.

American Railroad Transportation Corps—Reunion, both WWs, New York City, September 22-24; Hotel Plymouth. Info from Gerald J. Murray, National Adjutant, 150 S. Rebecca Ave., Scranton, Pa.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

JUNE 30, 1950

ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit...	\$ 853,003.71
Receivables	228,380.87
Inventories	359,797.44
Invested Funds	1,472,246.12
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund .. \$	252,016.61
Employees' Retirement Trust Fund ..	1,203,076.49
	1,455,093.10
Real Estate, less depreciation..	343,415.45
Furniture and Fixtures, less depreciation	258,083.04
Deferred Charges	99,388.74
	<u>\$5,069,408.47</u>

LIABILITIES DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 203,213.36
Funds restricted as to use.....	632,051.47
Deferred Income	1,088,245.54
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust	\$ 252,016.61
Employees' Retirement Trust	1,203,076.49
	1,455,093.10
Net Worth:	
Restricted:	
Capital	\$739,646.20
Restricted Fund..	14,949.86
Reserve for construction of Washington office	320,144.99
Real Estate	80,000.00
	1,154,741.05
Unrestricted Capital:	
Surplus	97,180.98
Excess of Income over Expense 5 Months..	438,882.97
	536,063.95
	<u>1,690,805.00</u>
	<u>\$5,069,408.47</u>

AREA MEMBERSHIP

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North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Area 5. Jackson, Mississippi; Heidelberg Hotel; September 9-10, for Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama.

Area 6. Texarkana, Arkansas; Grim Hotel; August 26-27, for Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana and Kansas.

Area 7. Detroit, Michigan; Book-Cadillac Hotel; September 2-3, for Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio.

Area 8. Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Cataract Hotel; September 9-10, for Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Missouri and Nebraska.

Area 9. Albuquerque, New Mexico; Hilton Hotel; September 2-3, for Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

Area 10. Pocatello, Idaho; Bannock Hotel; September 9-10, for Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho.

Area 11. Seattle, Washington; Hotel Roosevelt; September 2-3, for Oregon and Washington.

Area 12. San Francisco, California; Whitcomb Hotel; September 9-10, for California and Nevada.

AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

STARTS TERM IN DECEMBER

A new term of The American Legion College is scheduled to begin at the National Headquarters at Indianapolis on December 3, according to an announcement made by V. M. "Army" Armstrong, President. The number of students will be limited to 150.

Reactivation of the College was authorized by the National Executive Committee at its May, 1950, meeting as a "most practical means of education for Legionnaires in the background, programs and activities of the organization which is so vitally important to the stabilization of membership." The College sessions are planned to continue for one week, from December 3rd through the 9th. A minimum of 100 students must be enrolled by November 1st in order to insure arrangements for housing and other necessary needs of the student body.

The first enrollment, according to C. M. Wilson, Director of Membership and Post Activities, was received from Fairmont (West Virginia) Post No. 17. That unit is sponsoring Robert Clark Gross.

According to the plan worked out a flat tuition charge of \$50 per student will be made, which will care for housing and other expenses incidental to the College. It will be necessary for the sponsoring unit to care for the expenses of transportation and for meals. The tuition charge may be paid by sponsors or by an individual, but all applications for enrollment must be transmitted through Department Headquarters.

All of the previous classes of the College and Postgraduate College have been very successful. Some dozens of the younger Legionnaires who have risen to leadership in Departments and in the National Organization are graduates of The American Legion College.

Veterans Newsletter

A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

September, 1950

PRESIDENT SIGNS GI EDUCATION BILL:

The Taft-Teague Bill (S. 2596) clarifying GI Bill education and training regulations has finally made its way through Congress and has been signed by the President....It is now Public Law 610, 81st Congress, officially entitled "Veterans' Education and Training Amendment Act of 1950." It became effective on July 13 -- the day of signing....This new law is of the utmost importance to all WW2 vets who have entitlement for education and training, and particularly to those who have not initiated their courses....Highlights of the measure are:

1. Veterans initiating training are to have an unrestricted election of courses, whether full time, part time or correspondence, in approved institutions....It is doubted that this will be much of a liberalization....Much will depend on the instructions for implementing this law.

2. One change of course is permitted. Veterans who have previously applied for one change of course following the satisfactory pursuance of another course and were denied, should apply again under this law....If a veteran has had one change of course and applies for another the Administrator may require advisement and guidance....If a decision is not reached within 45 days after the application has been received by the VA it is deemed approved.

3. A veteran applying for a course deemed by the VA to be avocational or recreational may have it approved if he submits an affidavit corroborated by affidavits from two disinterested persons stating that the course can be used in his present or contemplated business or occupation.... This procedure has been in effect for flight training and is continued.

4. If a veteran is attending a profit school offering shop practice courses on a 25 clock-hour week basis and the school refuses to operate on a 30 clock-hour week basis, as required by this law, he may have his subsistence reduced to 25/30 of full time.

5. Vets should take note this law in no way changed the regulation requiring continuous training on and after July 25, 1951, or four years after the date of discharge, whichever is later.

VET VOLUNTEERS WON'T LOSE BENEFITS:

Vigorous protests to Veterans' Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., on discrimination against WW2 vets who volunteer for service in Korea, especially relating to education and training under the GI Bill, caused a revision of the VA regulations to protect the entitlements of such veterans.... On July 26 Administrator Gray advised all VA Regional Offices and Centers that vets who have started GI Bill courses and interrupt them to return to military duty will not be bound by the July 25, 1951, cut-off date for returning to educational training....Under the regs prior to this order, volunteers would lose entitlement to continue after interruption, those called into service would not lose out (because they were without fault in interrupting their courses)... This was an obvious discrimination and injustice

which the order of July 26 cures....But the Legion-protested requirement for "continuous" attendance at schools and training centers still stands.

Vet volunteers and those called into service, under the revised order, will be permitted to resume training "within a reasonable period" after release from active duty....Other requirements are: Conduct and progress in GI Bill course must have been satisfactory....Training after release will be limited to original entitlement for service in WW2....Their course may not extend beyond the July 25, 1956, date for winding up the GI Bill program....There is, of course, the possibility that a new GI benefit measure for Korean vets will be enacted by Congress.

SERVICE-CONNECTED EXTENSION FOR TB:

A more liberal basis for service-connection of active pulmonary tuberculosis is provided in Public Law 573, 81st Congress, effective June 23, 1950....Under new law this disease is service-connected if it developed a 10 percent degree of disability or more within three years from date of separation from active service....The law will for most part affect veterans of WW2 who served between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, who had at least 90 days of active service....The service connection can be rebutted where there is affirmative evidence to establish that the chronic disease had its onset subsequent to separation from service....VA will make a general review of cases in which service connection of active pulmonary tuberculosis, initially manifested after separation from active service, has been denied....The purpose is to determine whether the present law will permit establishment of service connection....Vets who have such claims should contact their Legion Service Officers if they believe the law may benefit them.

PRESIDENT RESTRICTS HOME BUILDING:

First economic control action of any kind since start of Korean war was President Truman's order to agency heads concerned with Federal housing activities sharply restricting loan and construction practices....The President pointed out that materials used in residential and other construction will be required in increasing amount for national defense purposes....These increasing demands, he said, will aggravate inflationary tendencies already evident unless positive actions are taken to reduce pressure in residential construction....Specifically the President directed VA to:

1. Require a cash-down payment of at least 5 percent for all loans guaranteed, insured or made by VA.

2. Increase such required cash-down payments in amounts equal to any increase in appraised value occasioned by recognized increases in construction costs over those existing on July 1, 1950.

3. Restrict direct loan authorizations in each calendar quarter of fiscal 1951 to one-fourth of the total amount authorized for the fiscal year.

4. Take such further action as may become necessary, such as restricting size of projects,

to curtail use in residential constructions of materials essential to defense.

These restrictions will be felt strongly by the home-building and mortgage finance industry.... They will undoubtedly result in curtailment of home construction and in turn result in a decrease of homes available for purchase by veterans under the GI Bill.... VA has advised Regional Offices of changes of present operation necessary to comply with the President's directive.... Detailed information is obtainable from the Loan Guaranty Office in all VA Regional Offices.

PLAY SAFE -- KEEP NSLI UP TO DATE:

Again, WW vets are warned to make sure that their GI insurance is in order so far as beneficiaries and methods of settlement are concerned.... Veterans have the right to name anyone they choose as beneficiaries, but it is most important that the veteran have the right name on record -- particularly those who have married, or who have had additions to their families.... So many veterans neglect to take care of this detail -- and so much trouble could have been avoided in most cases by simply writing a letter.... Let the VA know right now to whom you want your NSLI paid, and how you want it paid.

OREGON TO VOTE AGAIN ON STATE BONUS:

The question of paying a State bonus to WW2 vets will face the voters of Oregon at the November election.... Initiative petitions bearing 35,000 signatures have been filed, which assures a place on the ballot.... The new proposal would give each Oregon WW2 service man or woman -- resident of the State when entering service -- who had 90 days or more in the armed Forces between September 16, 1940, and June 10, 1946, a payment of \$10 per month for home service, and \$15 per month for overseas, up to a maximum of \$600.... The plan would be financed by the sale of 20-year bonds.

WW2 MEDAL AWARDS REOPENED:

The Department of Defense has reopened until May 3, 1951, the time for recommendation for award of all WW2 wartime medals.... Specifically, the action for which a medal or decoration is recommended must have occurred between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945.... The deadline expired on June 30, 1947 -- Congress extended time for decorations, Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Soldier's Medal and Legion of Merit.... Armed Services followed suit and extended time for all others, such as Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Bronze Star, and the Presidential Citation.... Recommendation for award of medal can be made by anyone who has knowledge of an act of outstanding bravery or exceptionally meritorious service.... No person, however, can recommend himself.... Write the branch of Armed Forces involved, set forth the facts of the incident, when, where and how, and give names of witnesses. Special forms will then be sent for detailed information.... Address: For the Army, The Adjutant General; Air Force, Director of Military Personnel, U. S. Air Force, and for Navy and Marines, Board of Decorations and Medals -- all Washington 25, D. C.

BENEFITS FOR SERVICEMEN IN KOREA:

Until further legislation is enacted (already proposed in Congress), men who are fighting the war in Korea are not entitled to the full benefits of the GI Bill, which was designed for WW2 veterans.... VA points out, however, that the men of the Armed Forces are entitled to those other benefits under general law which are administered by the veterans' agency.... Those who suffer injury or disease in line of duty may be entitled to disability compensation at full wartime rates.... NSLI premium

payment may be waived in case of injury or disease "traceable to the extra hazard of service" -- which covers action in South Korea.... Dependents of those who lose their lives may be entitled to death compensation benefits at wartime rates.... Full wartime rates for disability and death compensation, arising under conditions similar to the Korean situation, are authorized by Public Law 359, 77th Congress, passed 12 days after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.... This law provides wartime rates for disability or death resulting from injury or disease received in line of duty.... "(1) as a direct result of armed conflict, or (2) while engaged in extra hazardous service under conditions simulating war, or (3) while the United States is engaged in war.".... The Korean situation brings the 1st and 2nd categories into play.

BENEFITS FOR NATIONAL GUARDSMEN:

National Guardsmen injured while on active or training duty may be eligible for disability benefits administered by VA, regardless of how long ago they suffered injury.... Also, dependents of National Guard members who lost their lives on active or training duty may be entitled to death benefits, regardless of when death occurred.... Benefit payments in both cases, however, may not be made retroactive prior to August 15, 1945, even though the date of injury or death was before that date.... A decision of the VA Administrator recently gave this interpretation to Public Law 108, dated June 20, 1949.... Under this law, Guardsmen must have served on active or training duty for periods "in excess of 30 days" in order to be eligible for compensation for disability resulting from disease.... On the other hand, there is no minimum time limit in the case of disability resulting from injury while on active or training duty with the National Guard.

GI DIVIDEND BILL PASSED HOUSE:


The House has passed a bill to permit future dividends on NSLI to be applied to payments of premiums.... Measure is under consideration by Senate.... Dividends could be paid in cash only to those veteran policy-holders who request cash payment in writing.... Lapsed policies would, by application of dividend, be paid up as far as the dividend goes.... Vets who want to continue premium payments but do not request cash payment of dividends, would draw interest on their dividends which would accumulate in the insurance fund.

NAMES OF WAR DEAD TO BE PRINTED:

Names of all the war dead between May 26, 1941, and December 31, 1946, will be printed in book form if a House-passed bill gets Senate okay.... It will authorize casualty listing of all personnel on active duty with the Armed Forces who died, were killed, declared missing, or presumed dead during that period.... Separate volumes for each of the 48 States, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico are planned.... Each volume would be further classified by county or equivalent subdivision, but would not be classified by branch of service.... Present casualty lists prepared separately by the different branches of service list approximately 309,000 Army-Air Force personnel; 62,000 Navy; 27,000 Marine Corps, and 2,000 Coast Guard.

ON-THE-FARM TRAINING:

WW2 vets who started GI Bill institutional on-farm training before May 15 will not be affected by recent VA ruling that their farms must include tilling of the soil as a basic activity.... Institutional farms still must meet all other requirements of the law establishing farm training programs.



They Don't TALK ABOUT WAR

There's no point in talking about
unbelievable experiences, and that's
why many veterans keep their stories
to themselves

By JOSH M. DRAKE, JR.

ILLUSTRATED BY MIKE REMUS

I RECENTLY OVERHEARD the owner of a large garage who employs almost two dozen veterans make this statement: "You can't get any of these veterans who work for me to talk about the war."

I smiled to myself, for less than a week before one of his men had told me one of the most humorous war experiences I ever heard. And I have been collecting true war stories in Army Hospitals, Legion Conventions and outfit reunions ever since I received my discharge papers from

Uncle Sam at the separation center.

This young mechanic and I had gone rabbit hunting, and while driving home I had started talking about the war. He found me an attentive listener after a few promptings got him talking. I suppose my being an arm amputee made him feel that we had something in common. He had had two fingers amputated. If he'd known I was a writer he would probably have closed up like a clam.

He told me about his first night in enemy territory. He had joined the

Fourth Marines as a combat replacement on Saipan. In the platoon he was assigned to, there was a big leather-neck sergeant who had been decorated several times for valor. Against enemy tanks and infantry he seemed to be fearless, but the roar of any plane, Nip or Yank, sent him scurrying for the nearest foxhole. His fear of enemy aircraft was so great that he could hardly sleep. Every night he dreamed of an air raid and would get up in his sleep and run to a foxhole.

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He Wanted A Home

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you go down to the Hanford this morning?"

"I told you I've been hunting an apartment—"

"The Hanford isn't apartments; it's a hotel."

"I know," Eddie said helplessly, "but—look here, I'll tell you exactly how it happened. It may sound phony, but it's the actual petrified truth. After tramping about fifty blocks this morning I got thirsty and stopped in for a beer. There was another fellow about my age at the bar, and we got to talking. I asked if he knew of an apartment. He said he might run onto one, and for me to give him my name and address so he could let me know. We talked some more, and he happened to remember that a friend of his was giving up his apartment. He said if I went right down there I might get it. He gave me the address."

"So?" said Jerry.

"So it turned out to be the Hanford Hotel."

"And that's how it happened you were there when Sammy was shot." Jerry shook his head admiringly. "Brother, the way you can dream 'em up. You should be writing for Hollywood. To think you'd waste your time playing the horses."

"Listen, you jokers," Eddie said hotly, "I never play the horses. All I'm worried about is finding a place to live. I got a wife and two kids clear down in Texas. I've been separated from them all the time I was in the army, and I'm still separated from them simply because I can't find a place to put them in this forsaken town. Horses! Why should I care about the horses? I haven't thought of a thing but my wife and kids for the past three years."

Jerry looked at the book. "Honey Boy won yesterday," he said. "At five to one."

Sammy couldn't pay off a bet like that. I'm surprised he took it, knowing he couldn't pay. I can see how you felt, though. It must be tough to win five grand and not be able to collect. I'm not surprised you shot him."

"I didn't shoot him," Eddie shouted. "You couldn't prove that on me in a thousand years!"

"No?" said Jerry. "Not even if we found your fingerprints on the gun?"

"No. Because you won't find my prints on any gun—" Eddie stopped in sudden consternation. "Oh," he said weakly. "Oh, Lord!"

"Yeah?" said Jerry.

Eddie swallowed hard. "Maybe—you might find my prints on the gun, at that—"

Jerry pounced on him. "You admit you shot him!"

"No," Eddie said heavily, "I didn't shoot him. Never even saw him. But still my prints might be on the gun." He swallowed again. "Here's how it was—and you're not going to believe this either. After this fellow gave me that address I naturally felt grateful, and I bought another round of beers. We talked some more, and it developed we'd both been overseas. He'd brought back a gun, a German automatic. He showed it to me; I handled it and tried the action. Then he put it back in his pocket. And that's how my prints might be on the gun that killed the bookie. They just might be."

Jerry gazed at him in deep admiration. "It gets better and better," he said. "Boy, what Hollywood would pay for that one. This stranger entices you to drink with him, worms your name and address out of you, gets your prints on the murder weapon, and then sends you to the scene of the crime. You forgot one thing, though: The stranger must have worn gloves."

Eddie thought a moment. "That's right,"

he said doggedly, "he did."

"So it's all a frame. You didn't place a bet with Sammy; you didn't even know him. The stranger killed Sammy and then entered the bet to throw suspicion on you. You were down at the Hanford at eleven but you didn't—"

"Wait a minute," said Eddie. "At eleven?"

"Just about eleven—a few minutes either way."

Eddie's eyes suddenly lighted. "That's it," he exclaimed excitedly. "I wasn't there at eleven—not until eleven thirty. At eleven I was at Harney and Vine."

"All right," Jerry said a bit wearily, "let's hear this one, too."

"So help me," said Eddie earnestly, "this is the living truth and you've got to believe me. After I left the beer joint I started for that address this stranger had given me. I was walking because he'd said I could make it that way almost as fast as on a bus. I was stepping right along until I got to Harney, and then I saw this old girl's car stalled at the curb."

"Ha!" said Jerry. "The woman interest in the plot. Listen to this, Nolan."

Nolan nodded over his shoulder; he was having another try at the phone.

"She'd ground away at the starter," Eddie went on stubbornly, "until the battery was almost dead. I judged the motor was flooded and it wouldn't take me a minute to start it. But it wasn't flooded. It turned out the filter on the fuel pump was plugged with sediment and dirt. Well, I couldn't leave her like that. I found a pair of pliers in the trunk and cleaned the filter. And then the battery was so dead I had to jack up a rear wheel to start the motor. Altogether it took a good half hour. The clock on the corner struck eleven before I got her started. That's why I couldn't have been at the Hanford at eleven o'clock."

"Now," said Jerry reverently, "I've heard everything. Nolan, you'll never hear one to top that."

Nolan put down the phone with a heavy sigh. "They still don't answer," he said. Worriedly he rubbed his jaw.

The sergeant pawed at his blotter. "Well," he said, "what do you want to do?"

"Book him for murder," Jerry said, "and we'll lock him up. Hell, it's open and shut."

Eddie felt a sinking sensation. "But my alibi—"

"Sure," said Jerry. "Your dear little old lady. Just produce her and you'll go free."

Eddie's heart sank lower. He realized he did not know the woman's name nor even the license on her car. An unknown woman in a city of a million.

"Take him away," said the sergeant. He was reaching for a pen when the phone rang sharply. "Wait a minute," he said. He answered the phone, then handed it to Nolan. "For you, John."

Nolan took the instrument. "Hello . . . Oh, it's you, Edna!" Relief swept his face. "I was worried. Where were you? . . . Huh? Car trouble? Well, how did you— . . . What! Who fixed it? . . . Can you de-



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scribe him?" Nolan's eyes were on Eddie intently as he listened to the phone. "Okay, honey. Thanks . . . No, I'll tell you about it when I get home."

He put the phone down and stood looking at Eddie. "Well, son," he said slowly, "there's your alibi. That was my wife."

"You mean," Jerry looked incredulous, "his alibi stands up?"

"It does," said Nolan. Suddenly he grinned. "'An old woman,' and Edna in her early fifties. Wait until she hears that!"

"Listen," said Jerry, "maybe his whole cockeyed story is true." He turned to Eddie. "What about this beer-drinking stranger? What did he look like?"

"About my age," Eddie said, "but kind of tall and stringy."

"You didn't hear his name?"

Eddie thought a moment. "The barkeep called him Candy."

"Candy!" Jerry snapped his fingers. "Candy Elton, sure as hell. What do you think, Nolan?"

"Could be," Nolan said. "Let's go bring him in."

"Wait," Eddie protested, "what about me?"

"You can go," Jerry said, "but keep in touch. We may need you."

Eddie followed the two detectives to the door, then struck by a sudden thought, turned back to the desk.

"Sergeant, where does this Candy Elton live?"

The Sergeant thumbed the blotter. "Darm Apartments, 42nd and Harmon. Why?"

"Because," said Eddie, "I'm going there. Right now. Candy is going to have to give up his apartment sort of sudden, ain't he? Well, this time I'm gonna be first in line."

THE END

We Are Wide Open To Attack

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be seen whether he will be abue to overcome the obstacles that up to now have been placed in the path of all civil defense planners.

Those obstacles have been enormous.

The late Defense Secretary Forrestal* found that out.

WITHIN hours after the spring of 1948 "war crisis" had subsided, the alarmed Forrestal resolved that the United States would never again be caught without a real civil defense program. Accordingly, he set up an Office of Civil Defense Planning in The Pentagon and got Russell J. Hopley, president of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, to head it.

"You are to prepare a program of civil defense for the United States including a plan for a permanent civil defense agency, he told Hopley. "This, in conjunction with the several states and their subdivisions, can undertake those peacetime preparations which are necessary to assure an adequate civil defense system in the event of war."

"And you are to do it as quickly as you can," he added. "Speed is imperative."

Hopley went to work at once. He collected a staff of crack experts on everything from radiological warfare to fire fighting and medical care. Then, with the assistance of several hundred outstanding advisors, representing a complete cross-section of civilian and military life, he and his staff made a probing study of all phases of modern warfare and its catastrophic effects upon the home front.

On October 1st, 1948 Hopley submitted a 301-page program to Forrestal that encompassed every aspect of good civil defense planning. First, it provided for the establishment of a national Office of Civil Defense that was to have charge of all civil defense activities. Then, it called for the setting up of both regional and local civil defense organizations, keyed to every wartime need. But that wasn't all it did. It also laid out careful plans for organizing and training up to 15,000,000 civilians so that they would be "prepared and equipped to meet the problems of enemy

*See Forrestal Was Right, page 24.

attack and to be ready against any weapons that any enemy may use."

Under this plan, the entire civilian population could readily have been mobilized, and alarm, panic, destruction and death minimized in a war.

It was the most comprehensive blueprint for a civil defense program ever drafted.



"It's been 500 miles and the owner's manual says change the oil before driving any farther"

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The whole country applauded it. It was hailed by the press as "the missing link in the country's defense structure."

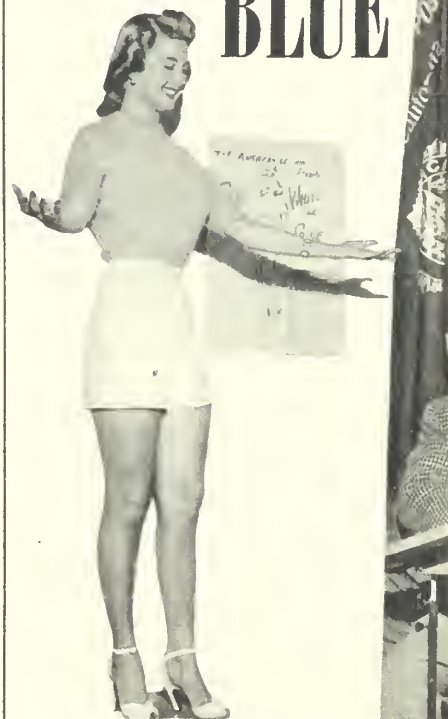
"A fine plan," Forrestal said of it, and set to implementing it.

He got nowhere, though. The Washington bureaucrats stopped him.

"There's no need for an office of civil

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defense," they said. "This is just alarmism by the military people."

These bureaucrats argued so strongly against the Hopley plan that President Truman himself was convinced and turned thumbs down on it. He even went further and took responsibility for civil defense planning away from the Defense Department. He gave it instead to the National Security Resources Board. And there, to all intents and purposes, the project died.

THE trouble with the N.S.R.B., so far as I can determine, has been that it just hasn't seen the importance of civil defense.

Typical of its attitude was what happened immediately after it was given the civil defense planning job, last summer.

"How many men do you think should be assigned to civil defense planning?"

waffe struck in 1940, they were ready.

The Defense Department itself says of the British record, "This far-sightedness and the advance planning effort can well be credited with averting complete disaster."

It was different in Germany.

Despite the vaunted efficiency of the totalitarian form of Government, the Nazi civil defense organization was just "a political football." Goering, Himmler and Speer all fought for control of the organization and ended up by leaving it largely prostrate.

What happened during the fire raids of July, 1943 was characteristic.

A ten-day series of incendiary bombs hit Hamburg. The civil defense people there tried to fight the fires that started. Through lack of planning, they found themselves without adequate pumpers or hose lines. Soon, the fires were totally out

to tolerate the thought that anyone could ever get past their defenses."

Hamstrung by Army interference, the Japanese civil defense organization fell apart when the A-bombs dropped.

Thousands of lives could have been saved at Nagasaki if the people who had been alerted had remained in their shelters.

The people didn't stay in the shelters, though. They left them because someone made a mistake and sounded the all-clear.

The Armed Forces investigators also looked into the United States' wartime civil defense set-up. For all that \$100,000,000 was spent on it, they found that it had been largely a farce which, in their own words, would have been "inadequate to cope with a heavy attack."

After making their study, Lt. Col. Beers and the other investigators wrote a report that literally begged for action.

"Civil defense is an essential part of national defense," they said.

Unfortunately, that report has fallen on deaf ears.

THE British have not been so careless.

They have reactivated their civil defense law and right now they have a national drive underway to recruit 500,000 volunteer civil defense workers. For over a year, the British Government has had a civil defense training school in operation, and recently it started a second one. It even has established a Civil Defense Staff College.

The lack of money has not deterred Britain from this essential work. Nor have the protests of certain short-sighted people moved it.

"There is no reason for us to be spending all this money on civil defense now," these people declared. "We should use it for better purposes."

"You're wrong," Home Minister Chuter Ede said. "Along with the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, civil defense is an essential fourth arm of the national defense and it must not be left to last-minute improvisation."

And the British have not been alone in their foresight. France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and several Scandinavian nations have also set up functioning civil defense organizations.

The Russians have gone still further.

I can disclose that the U.S.S.R. is now training 5,000,000 people a year in civil defense work.

The Soviet has a special civil defense organization known as Osaviakhik with 1,060,000 local sections. Not long ago, it held a country-wide civil defense "maneuver" in which 20,000,000 persons took part.

Only the United States — the principal target of the Kremlin's aggressive aspirations — lags.

It is true, of course, that some few steps have been taken in the civil defense field.

The Department of Defense, under Louis Johnson's leadership, has been paying it close attention. It has a small Office of Civil Defense Planning, with Lt. Col. Beers at its head, which has been trying hard to awaken the nation to the need for a good civil defense program.

GENERAL MISCHIEF

By S. B. STEVENS



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an N.S.R.B. official asked Hopley.

"As an absolute minimum, about 200," he replied.

Despite this recommendation, the N.S.R.B. assigned exactly five men to work on the civil defenses of the entire nation.

I can reveal, incidentally, that the loyalty of one of these five men was for a period under question.

Washington's indifference to civil defense is not due to any ignorance on its part. Washington knows the value of a good civil defense system and the tragic results that ensue when there isn't one.

Very little has been allowed to leak out about it, but shortly after the war a special study was made by the Armed Forces of the civil defense systems in Europe and Asia. The findings of that study have been made available to the rest of the Government. They are illuminating.

The British, it was found, did a superb job in the civil defense field. They did it because they started early.

As far back as 1935, the British Government began training its people in civil defense techniques, and when the Luft-

force of control, blazing so fiercely that a violent updraft was created which swept along at 120 miles an hour, sucking the firemen right up into it.

Sixty thousand people were killed in Hamburg during those raids!

Because of the Nazis' political finagling, their system for handling civil defense reserves repeatedly collapsed.

When Hamburg was hit, Hannover was directed to send two-thirds of its civil defense force there to help out. Then Hannover got hit, and Cologne was compelled to send its civil defense men to help it. When Cologne got hit, it had no one.

As Lieut. Col. Barnet W. Beers, the Pentagon's top civil defense expert, who headed the Armed Forces' study, says:

"It was a terrible botch — people fighting fires in strange cities while their own homes were catching it."

THE Japanese did even worse than the Germans.

Although the Japs started organizing for civil defense away back in 1928, their efforts were vitiated by the Army, which, it has been learned, "refused throughout

In addition, the Defense Department has gone as far as it has been permitted in organizing the military side of civil defense work. Despite the scoffing of other elements in Washington, the Air Force, held a splendid test exercise in air raid spotting, last September.

"People aren't interested in civil defense," the Air Force was warned when it first proposed this exercise. "You'll never get anyone to take part in it."

"Nonsense!" said the Air Force. "We think the public is a lot more aware of the need for civil defense than the Government is."

Events proved the Air Force right. More than 11,000 people volunteered to participate in its "Operation Lookout."

Today, the Air Force is busy trying to enroll volunteers for a permanent air raid warning service in 25 Eastern States. It wants to set up observation posts at intervals of no more than eight miles, and it wants them manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It needs 150,000 civilians for this, and it already has made real strides toward recruiting them.

THROUGH the aid of the Atomic Energy Commission, some training has been given civilians in the detection of atomic rays.

However, very little has been done beyond that.

Nor has there been much action on the local level. Less than 20 States have even bothered to enact civil defense legislation. Few States have established any kind of civil defense organization.

I must say this for the States, though. Their inactivity has not been of their own volition. Most of them have been waiting — in fact, begging — for federal guidance.

Take New Jersey. At the late Defense Secretary Forrestal's request, it passed a model civil defense law and laid the groundwork for a well-rounded, statewide civil defense organization.

This New Jersey organization then asked the Federal Government for directions as to how it best could plan for the protection of the State against an atomic war.

It could get no directions.

As Leonard Dreyfuss, the New Jersey Director of Civil Defense, says, "Washington folded right up from under us."

With the clouds on the international horizon growing blacker, this nation can no longer afford such governmental lethargy. It is my studied conviction that we have not a moment to spare to get our civil defenses into shape.

The men charged with readying the civil defenses of the various States feel the same way.

They made this plain at a meeting with federal officials, a few weeks ago.

One of the state civil defense directors got up at this session and said pointblank:

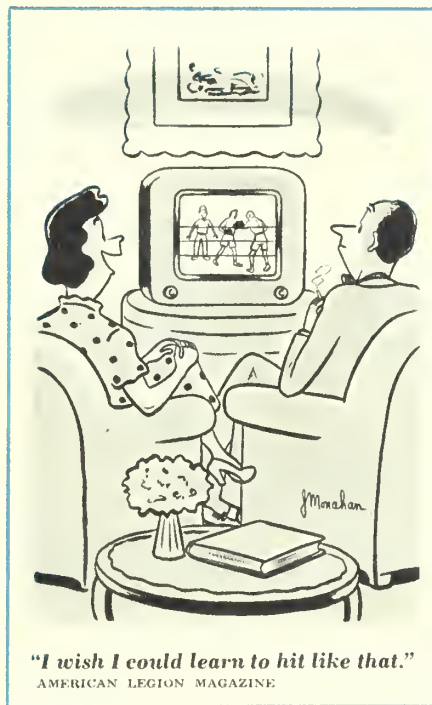
"Unless the Federal Government supplies the States with a real blueprint for a nationwide civil defense system, and really tells the public that civil defense is essential to our security I'm going to quit my post in protest."

"And so will we," the civil defense directors of 19 other States declared.

It is up to Washington to act — and to act at once.

FIRST, Congress must enact UMT. This is imperative, both for training our combat forces and for training our civil defense forces. It is the civilians who would be the shock troops of World War III and only through UMT can a large enough number of them get the necessary shock-proofing. UMT is needed, furthermore, for screening out the top grade civilians for combat duty and for assigning the remainder to civil defense work.

Second, a functioning, well-staffed, well-financed civil defense agency must



be set up on the national level. It belongs, I believe, inside the Department of Defense.

This agency should be given authority over and responsibility for the drafting of a national civil defense program. It should be geared to train the public in civil defense techniques and to take immediate charge of civil defense operations in the event of an emergency.

It would be up to this agency to inform the nation as to what has to be done in case of an atomic attack. Right now, most people are thinking almost exclusively of the radiological effects of the A-bomb. They don't realize that 85 percent of casualties are caused by fire and falling debris. They need to learn how to fight the hellish fires of an atomic blast.

It would be up to this agency to educate the nation on how to counteract bacteriological and gas warfare.

It would be up to this agency to lay down a program for rescue work, for medical care, for the decontamination of bombed areas and the evacuation of unsafe locales, for the control of enemy-inspired epidemics, for emergency housing and feeding.

It would be up to this agency to supervise the building of stockpiles of medical and other emergency supplies. (One bombed city will require over 200 freight cars of medical supplies in the first week!) It would be up to the agency to arrange for the construction of air raid shelters. (Even simple shelters can do

much to protect people from an A-bomb.)

It would be up to this agency to make adequate preparations for the control of panic — the worst after-effect of every bombing attack.

It would be up to it to launch a nationwide training program for the 15,000,000 civil defense workers we will need.

Such a civil defense agency would have regional offices around the country to help coordinate the work of the various States.

NATURALLY, the primary responsibility for civil defense operations would rest with the States and the cities, but it would be up to the national agency to supply them with the technical data, the policy guidance and the leadership that they must have before they can act.

Will we need blackouts in the next war?

The States cannot answer that question. Only the Federal Government knows whether Russian radar will be able to penetrate any blackout.

Should cities buy Geiger counters or the new Radiacs? Or will there be other and better equipment available for detecting atomic rays?

No mayor can learn the answer to these questions himself. He has to learn them from Washington.

Should New Hampshire, for example, make plans for acting as a shelter area for refugees from an A-bomb attack on Boston, Springfield or other Massachusetts cities? And, if so, what food, medical supplies, housing will be required? Such plans can only be prepared and coordinated with the help of the Federal Government.

I am certain that the States and the cities will carry their load if only Washington will do its part.

At every national convention since World War II, the American Legion has urged the "preparation of a sound and acceptable plan of civil defense as an integral part of the nation's total defenses." At each convention it has also insisted on the enactment of UMT. Time and again between conventions, Legion officials have asked the Government to make a real effort in these directions. So far we have not had much success.

That is why I, as National Commander of The American Legion, now demand that the Government move immediately to give us a real civil defense program and a real civil defense organization.

Such a program and such an organization will be invaluable in peacetime as well as war, and I hope we will not need many more disasters like the Texas City, Tex. and South Amboy, N. J., explosions to prove it.

That is why I, as National Commander of The American Legion, now demand also that Congress pass legislation establishing UMT. It is vital to both our external and internal defenses.

And, that is why I call on every Post and every member to let their Congressmen know how alarmed The American Legion is over the situation and how insistent it is on action now.

There is no time to waste. Our lives, the lives of our families, and, most important, the life of our country are at stake.

THE END

Memo to the Ladies A COLOR SCHEME FOR YOUR HOME

How to tell what harmonizes with what

By KITTY YORK

IF YOU'RE THINKING of redecorating your home this fall, I've a grand system for you to use in working out your color schemes. It's so simple that it's foolproof, but it's sure to give your home that real "decorator" look.

There's nothing complicated about this system. All you need for choosing the right color scheme for any room—and what's more important, for using that color scheme correctly—is one multi-colored item that you and everybody else in your family likes. It can be a piece of printed fabric or a patterned wallpaper. It can even be a figured rug.

This is what you do with it.

Let's start with the living room and let's suppose that the item on which you're going to base your color scheme is a fabric, say the one that you're planning to use for draperies.

The first thing you do is pick out the one color in the fabric that you like the best. It will be the dominant color, and you can use variations of it throughout the room.

If, for example, the color you've selected is yellow, you can use a soft, butter color for your walls, a deep golden brown for the rug, a bright sunshine yellow for the cushions on the couch, a pale ivory for your side chairs. You'll get a fine over-all effect of yellow and you won't run any risk of monotony.

Now, it's time to pick a second color and here is where this system is so helpful. You can find the perfect secondary color for your room right on the same piece of fabric. And there won't be any

These excellent booklets offer you fine tips on color schemes. Send for them directly to the addresses listed.

"Fashion Takes the Floor." Carpet Institute, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York. Free.

"Color Your Home with Fabrics." Waverly Fabrics, 60 West 40 Street, New York 18, New York. 10 cents.

"Wallpaper in Today's Home." The Wallpaper Institute, 400 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York. 25 cents.

"Colorama." Clara Dudley, 285 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, New York. 25 cents.

"Color Harmony Kit." Imperial Paper and Color Corporation, Dept. L-58, Glens Falls, New York. 25 cents.



IT ISN'T necessary to throw away a large and ugly—but useful—piece of furniture

danger of clashing colors. The artist who designed the fabric was trained in color harmonies and knew what colors went well together.

Just remember this one thing. Don't select too bright a hue for your second color. If you do, it will vie with your dominant color for attention and you'll always feel a sense of tension in the room.

Let's say there's a soft green in the fabric that you choose for the second color. It will show up well on some of your upholstered chairs, on your lamp shades, and possibly on your magazine rack or some other painted wooden piece. You won't want to use too much of it, though, just enough for contrast.

You'll need a third color for accents, and you'll pick it, of course, from the same fabric. A bright one like orange would be nice; it would be stunning for your lamp bases, your ash trays, and possibly for the frame of an important picture. Such small splashes will add just the right sparkle; large areas would be too dazzling. Any other colors must be neutral, like wood tones, brass, silver, gray or tan shades.

The same system will work as well in other rooms. Wallpaper can serve as the basic item for your bedrooms, the linoleum flooring for your kitchen, a rug for your husband's den.

Once you've chosen your colors, you can put them to work for you. Color can conceal or accentuate, and here are a few tricks that will help you make the most of your loveliest things or hide the less attractive pieces.

Say you have a bureau that's so large



PAINT IT the same shade as the wall and its ugly features will be less noticeable

it's an eyesore. Yet you don't want to part with it because it stores so much. You can easily minimize its size by moving it into a corner and painting it the same color as the walls. Then re-do a couple of other pieces of furniture in an eye-catching color. You'll find that your eye obediently looks only at the bright objects and the bureau no longer overpowers the room.

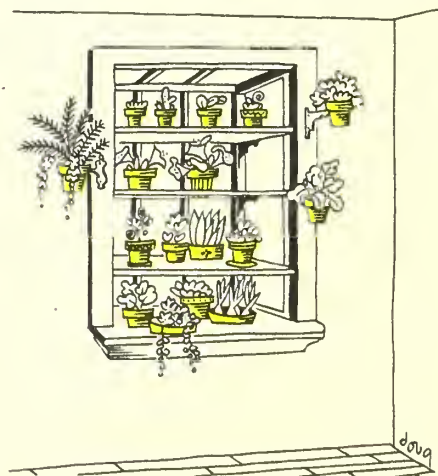
You can use the same color disguise on headboards that are too high, on a screen that is more useful than pretty, on window cornices that are too prominent. If you have too many doors in a room, painting them the same color as the walls will make them far less conspicuous.

On the other hand, you can draw attention to your prize possessions by concentrating the most vivid colors on them. Suppose you are the lucky owner of a fine antique couch. You can make it the center of attention by upholstering it in a strong color and setting it against a plain background. If your fireplace is handsome, paint it a color that contrasts with the walls. It will become the strong point of the room.

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Now, before the frost catches your garden unawares, is the time to make plans for having flowers all winter.

Start with the best and brightest blooms in the garden, chrysanthemums, for ex-



IT IS an easy matter to turn a window into an attractive indoor flower garden

ample, or petunias, dwarf zinnias and marigolds. Put them in roomy flower pots and leave them outdoors for a few days, long enough for them to become used to their new homes. They will require a little more watering than they did in the garden and a dose of plant food will be good for them. As soon as the weather turns cold, bring them in and put them in a sunny window. You'll have many weeks of bloom after the garden is black.

For the winter months, you'll want geraniums, begonias and ever-blooming primroses. And don't overlook the foliage plants. Ivy and fern and sanseveria make a fine background for your flowers.

Where are you going to put such a huge garden? The thing to do :

Remove the window and the molding strips which hold it in place. Next extend the window sill outward with a sturdy 12" board, well braced from beneath. Attach a 12" length of 2" x 3" lumber to each of the upper corners of the window opening. Connect the outer ends to the new sill and to each other with 2" x 3" boards, forming a new frame. Then set the original window and moldings in this framework. Fill in the sides and the top with glass, attaching it with molding and putty and you're finished.

Brackets, screwed to the inside of the wooden framework, will hold the shelves for the plants.

A "surprise package" will make their school lunches much more appetizing to your young ones. You can give them one every day by including a paper cup of salad or dessert in the lunchbox. Mixtures like shredded carrots and raisins; apples, celery and nuts; or a cooked vegetable salad with diced ham, will go down with gusto. So will pudding, stewed fruit or orange ambrosia.

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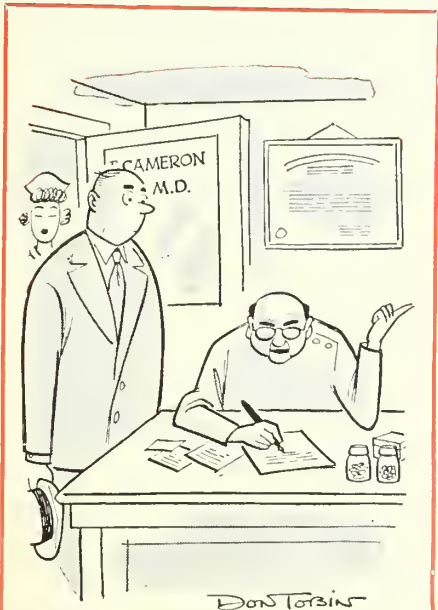
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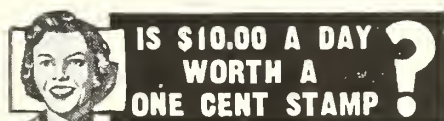
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Football Forecast for '50

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Harry Agganis of Boston University, Alan Egler of Colgate, Jim (Sugar) Cain of Army, Jeff Fleischmann of Cornell, and Ollie Matson of San Francisco.

But if you were to put your cash on a backfield consisting of Williams, Rote, Ortmann, and Dottley, you would sleep very soundly every Saturday night.

There are at least five outstanding ends in the country. Bud Sherrod of Tennessee, Bob Wilkinson of UCLA, Vito Ragazzo of William and Mary, Ben Proctor of Texas, and Dan Foldberg of Army appear to be the class of the field. Foldberg will have to break a leg to miss All-America. He was widely selected last year, the second member of his family to win national acclaim on the Army team. (Brother Hank starred at end with the Blanchard-Davis outfit.) Vito Ragazzo is a good bet for the other wing, though he is something of a risk, because his school isn't strictly speaking big-league. He caught 15 touchdown passes for William and Mary last year and is rated the best player his school has ever had. He broke a leg in the last scrimmage of Spring practice and may have a little trouble getting back into shape, but don't bank on it. He's good.

In the tackle department, there are three outstanding candidates—Ray Krouse of Maryland, Bob Toneff of Notre Dame, and Bob Gain of Kentucky. Holland Donan of Princeton is a nifty tackle, too, but he'll have a hard time competing with the publicity that will accrue to his better-placed rivals. Krouse and Toneff win the nod from our scouts. These two tackles are big and strong and fast enough to do the job well. Nobody has any desire to overlook Gain; it's just that there are only two tackle berths on the team.

It's not easy to find a sure-fire pair of guards. Bud McFadin of Texas heads the possibilities, and Bud's path should be made easier by the fact that he should

be playing with a winning team. Mike Boldin of Pitt, who earned quite a few sectional mentions last year, takes down the other guard post, but there is serious competition from Bob Ward of Maryland, Allen Hover of Louisiana State, and Bernie Lemonick of Penn.

Our advisors urge a slightly long shot for the center spot. You could take either Irv Holdash of North Carolina or Captain Jerry Groom of Notre Dame—or even John Pierik of Cornell—but some of the smartest football men in the country say it ought to be Leon Root of Rutgers. Leon's coach, Harvey Harman, says he is the best center he ever saw. Everybody who has watched him has raved about Root; he has a great chance to make it—and he is our pick.

That cleans up the Pre-season All-American roster, except for the second-guessing. Now for a look at the way the teams line up in each section.

EAST

There is no news in the statement that Army is the class of the East, but once again it happens to be the truth. Red Blaik has a marvelous machine all tooled up at the Point and it's going to make a lot of opponents unhappy this Fall. Only Michigan has a chance to stop the Black Knights of the Hudson, and it's entirely possible that Army will go through unbeaten. The country will have few attractions to match the Army-Michigan brawl at Yankee Stadium in New York on October 14. Dan Foldberg, Gil Stephenson, Bobby Blaik (the coach's son), Jim Cain, Frank Fischl—you'll hear about them all.

Cornell has the best team in the Ivy League, with Frank (Moose) Miller and Jeff Fleischmann to carry the ball as the Big Red tries to defend its championship. Pittsburgh, in the middle of a revival under Tom Hamilton, may lose three or even four games because of a murderous

schedule, but it's no worse than the third best team in the East and may very likely be better than anybody except Army.

George Trevor thinks Dartmouth will give Cornell its toughest opposition in the Ivy League. Dartmouth has lost a lot but still has the wonderfully efficient Johnny Clayton at quarterback. Princeton's big tackle, Holland Donan, will get a lot of good notices for old Nassau. He pushed Brown's huge line around in scandalous fashion last year and was picked on the Associated Press' All-Players team.

One of the East's backfield greats will be Boston U.'s Harry Agganis, a splendid passer, alert tactician, and magical ball-handler. If Buff Donelli's club played a bigger schedule, Agganis would be one of the best known players in the country. Nobody wants to play the Terriers.

Navy has a new coach, Eddie Erdelatz, and the usual suicide schedule. The Mid-dies have spirit, which is a good thing, because they're going to need it. Imagine playing Maryland, Northwestern, Princeton, Southern Cal., Penn, Notre Dame, Tulane, Columbia, and Army!

Penn, the perennial Eastern threat, looks to be down, but not too far down. Reds Bagnell and Bernie Lemonick are the top players at Franklin Field. You have to give the Red and Blue an outside chance. Herman Hickman at Yale and Lou Little at Columbia must spend the year "building."

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Maryland won this title last year without playing either of the conference titans, Duke and North Carolina. This year, the Terps play both the hot shots—and will win again. Jim Tatum is loaded for bear. Watch Ed Modzelewski and Ray Krouse.

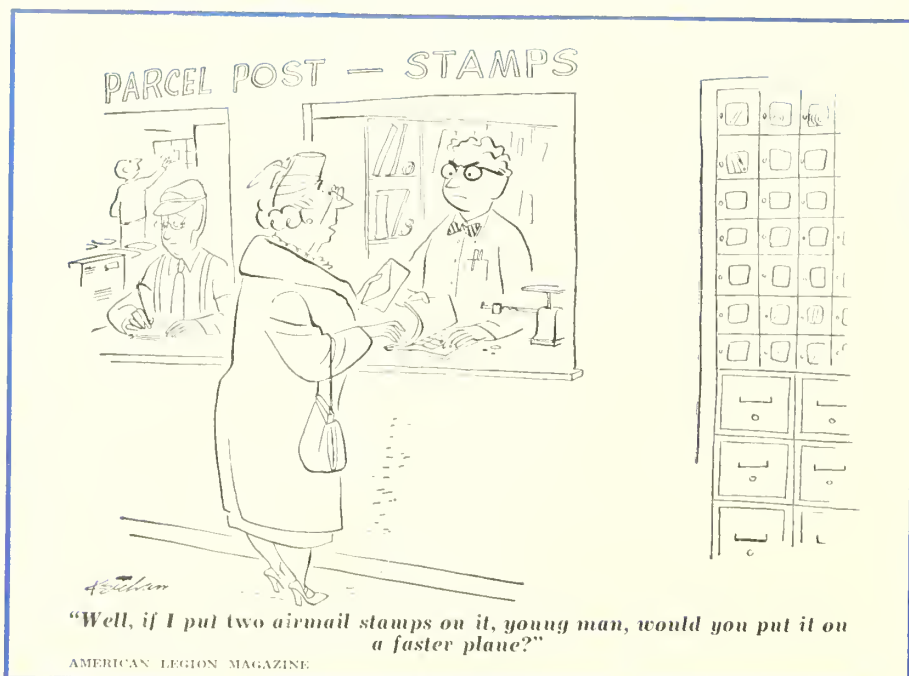
Even with Charlie Justice gone, North Carolina will be no pushover. Dick Bunting, great against N. D. last year, is a good answer to the problem of replacing the glamour boy. Duke is a question mark, lacking experience. William and Mary lost eight out of eleven starters.

Clemson has Fred Cone, fullback, to keep up its hopes. Wake Forest is due for a tumble. Virginia, no longer in the conference, has Johnny Papit, a Philadelphia boy whose high spot will be a crack at Penn back in the old home town.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

Could go any of half a dozen ways. Louisiana State failed to win the championship last year—Tulane took it—but the Bayou Tigers look like the goods this time out. Lacking individual standouts, the L.S.U. team has depth and experience. Some of that experience was gained the hard way, taking a hosing from Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl. But it will help just the same.

Kentucky, which got well up there last year, will stay up. Coach Paul Bryant, who accused his stars of laying down on him in the Orange Bowl game, will be eager to make up for that defeat by Santa Clara. He has the material to do it, particularly in tackle Bob Gain and quarterback Vito Parilli.



Alabama, with Ed Salem; Frnk-coached Tulane; Tennessee, Georgia, and Georgia Tech can't be ignored. Mississippi has the great Johnny Dottley but little else. Best pick — Louisiana State.

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Most people expect Texas to make off with the booty in this tough league. Blair Cherry has two standouts in Bud McFadin and Ben Proctor, needs only a good quarterback.

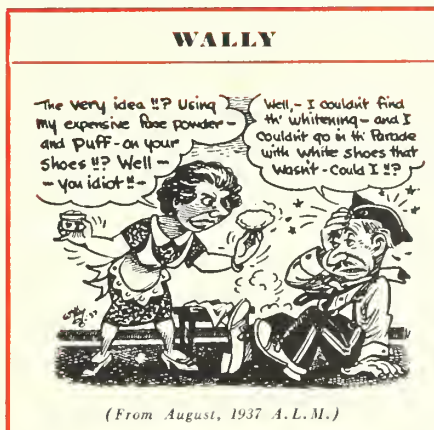
Southern Methodist lost Doak Walker but kept Kyle Rote and also has Johnny Champion, a scat runner and a good pass receiver. SMU will be under a new head coach, Rusty Russell, taking over from the retired Matty Bell.

Texas Christian has a lot of good backs but an unproven line. Rice lost Froggy Williams and Toby Rote and may not recover for a while. The Texas Aggies have in Bob Smith the conference's best fullback, but need more besides. The ballot is cast for Texas with a wary eye on S.M.U.

MIDWEST

Michigan loyalists won't like it, but the impartial assessor has to go with Notre Dame as the lord of the Midwest. The Irish lost a flock of stars but have plenty left. Bob Williams will be a great quarterback, helped by backs like Bill Gay, Billy Barrett, John Petitbon, and linemen Jerry Groom, Bob Toneff. Don't feel sorry for Frank Leahy when you read that his varsity was beaten in the annual Old

Timers game at Cartier Field last Spring, 25-7. The Cleveland Browns and the Philadelphia Eagles would have had trouble with that mob, headed by Leon Hart and George Connor. The chances are



good it was the only game the Irish will lose all year.

In the Big Ten, Michigan again. Illinois and Ohio State will be hard to beat in this toughest of all the conferences, but Bennie Oosterbaan seems to have a little extra at Ann Arbor. Chuck Ortmann and Leo Koceski will put the thing in his attack — and they know how to do it. Illinois has a great climax runner in the Argo Express, Johnny Karras. Ohio State will counter with junior Vic Janowicz, used principally on defense last year but ready to cut loose now.

Wisconsin, which surprised a lot of people in Coach Ivy Williamson's first season, will be strong again. The trouble is, the opposition is rough. Williamson will be satisfied if he can keep his trigger-happy alumni off his back. Michigan State, two years away from getting on the Big Ten football schedule, will be weaker, having lost Ed Bagdon, Don Mason, and Lynn Chandnois. But weaker doesn't mean weak. Indiana, with a lot of boys who were untried sophomores last year, should benefit from the added experience. Minnesota needs more time to get back near the top.

PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE

The toughies are Stanford, USC, and California, but you can't afford to bypass UCLA or Washington. As always, this will be a rugged conference.

Marchy Schwartz should have the good year he (and his alumni) have been waiting for at Stanford. Harry Hugasian and Gary Kerkorian, his ace backs, were polished by Clark Shaughnessy and Frankie Albert last Spring, and ought to be ready. "The Big Game" with California may be the payoff.

California's Golden Bears lost Rod Franz and Bob Celeri, both great players, but Lynn Waldorf has Jim Monachino and may have the best sophomore in the league in Johnny Olszewski from Long Beach, who was sought by everybody on the coast except, perhaps, Warner Brothers.

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but hungry. A load of junior college transfers, headed by Al (Hoagy) Carmichael, makes USC uncertain but potentially dangerous. Howie Odell has a fine backfield at Washington but has problems up front. Hugh McElhenny gives the Huskies assurance of a strong attack, but it looks very much as though the winner will come from among Stanford, USC, and California.

After four straight defeats at the hands of four different Big Ten teams — Illinois, Michigan, Northwestern, Ohio State — the coast is panting for a Rose Bowl victory. The natives are really aroused. With Michigan eligible again, they see in a Rose Bowl victory full revenge for past shame, whether Michigan or a Big Ten team that beats the Wolverines comes out to Pasadena on New Year's Day.

MISSOURI VALLEY

Oklahoma ripped this section apart last year but has lost a great deal of player strength. Nevertheless, with Coach Bud Wilkinson, the Coach of the Year, and fullback Leon Heath, the Sooners will be far from impotent and may just possibly pick up where the '49 wrecking crew left off.

Always-dangerous Missouri shares the favorite role with Oklahoma. Like the Sugar Bowl champion Sooners, Mizzou lost a pile of key men, including Bob Fuchs, its great center. But Don Faurot always has something to fall back on and this year is no exception.

Iowa State has a one-man threat in Bill Weeks, who gained 281 yards against awesome Oklahoma last year. But one

star doesn't make a championship team.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

The Cowboys of Wyoming are the defending champions and Bowden Wyatt, their coach, thinks he can repeat. He probably can. Wyoming is coldly serious about football. With a top-flight coaching staff on deck and a big new stadium being built, the school means business. The Cowboys lost only to Baylor last year — and that was out of their class. They scored 375 points during the season and will do almost as well this year, getting their chief opposition from Denver and Utah.

And your greatest trouble will come from the notion that you can pick football winners successfully in advance.

THE END

I Saw the Surrender

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belligerents, but would leave the ship as representatives of a sovereign, though beaten, nation. These were questions that concerned not only General MacArthur, but the representatives of the other Allied Nations who had part and share in the ceremonies.

Out in Tokyo Bay rode the "Mighty Mo," pride of the United States Navy, bearing her battle scars like the proud veteran she is. The battlewagon had been designated as the place of surrender but like all vessels that ply the seas, with all her size the *Missouri* has definite limitations. Arrangements had to be made quickly to take care of the several hundred official representatives, invited officers of the Allies, and of course some 300 correspondents.

Setting the stage on the *Missouri*, according to one of the officers, was not unlike the preparations for a gigantic pageant. Picked men, some 300 or more, held rehearsals in the best Hollywood tradition. Men were selected to stand-in for

Generals and Admirals, and were received on board with flag-rank dignity with side-boys and a full Marine Guard of 90 men, and to ruffles and flourishes from the band. Another squad was selected to play the Japanese part, without the honors — but they did it unwillingly.

The veranda deck was designated as the place for the actual ceremony of signing the Articles of Surrender — and because of its limited space other complications arose. Lumber was found to build platforms over the 40-millimeter guns to add to the standing room and to be used as a special vantage point for the camera men. Though this necessitated putting some guns out of action, another shock followed when the mighty No. 2 turret was trained out 45 degrees to form a sort of grandstand. There was still some fear of one-man torpedoes and suicide swimmers.

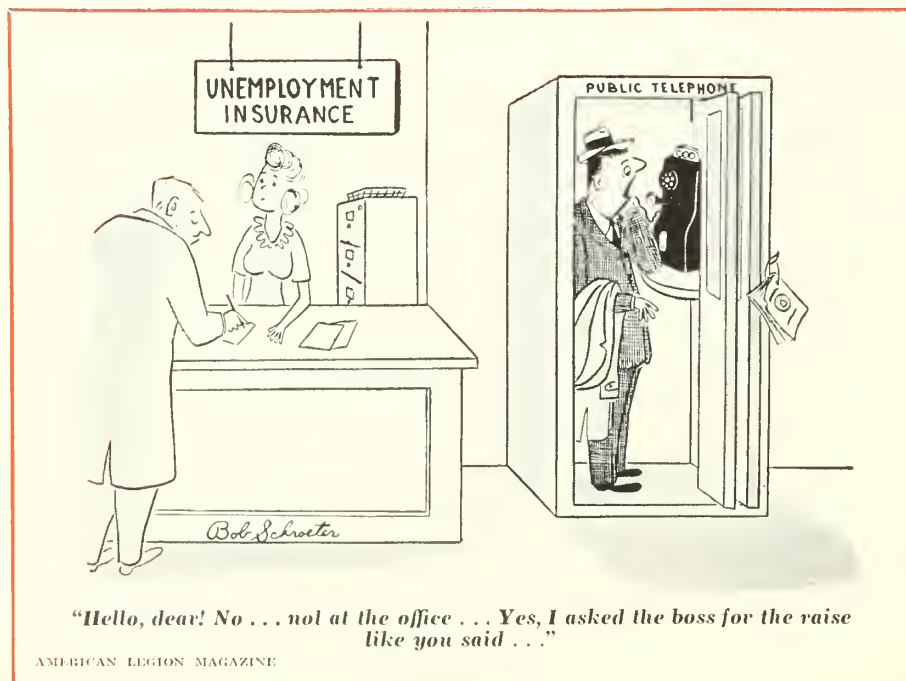
Sunday morning, September 2, dawned cool and with slightly overcast skies. It was *The Day*, and even before the dawn there was stirring in Yokohama, where all

land groups were quartered. Navy vessels had been assigned to transport the various contingents to the *Missouri* on a fixed schedule as inflexible as radio timing. Late sleepers missed the ship. The U.S.S. *Taylor*, a destroyer, was assigned to the press, radio and camera corps and at exactly 6:30, the scheduled minute, she moved up alongside the "Big Mo." As each correspondent was checked and crossed to the battlewagon he was given an ordinary printed shipping tag designating his place on the ship. Even the Japanese papers had received permission to send a limited number of their crack newswriters, and they were on board under Marine Guard.

Some few of the American correspondents tried to better their positions, but were quickly put back in place. The Russians, however, had their own ideas and would not stay put — protesting to their national representatives against being assigned to a fixed position. They wanted to run wild, and did. The boorish behavior of this group was the only untoward incident.

I drew a position in a small gun turret almost directly over the position taken by General MacArthur and his official staff, within easy earshot and I did not need the loudspeaker system to hear every word that was spoken. In front of the General was the peace table — an old mess table brought up from the crew's quarters, scarred and worn from long use, but its age and imperfections hidden by a green cloth cover. On this table rested the two copies of the Articles of Surrender, one in English and one in Japanese.

The U.S.S. *Buchanan* came alongside with the Army officers and foreign dignitaries with their aides, while the ranking Navy and Marine Corps officers arrived by small craft from their ships in the harbor. At exactly 8:38 the destroyer *Nicholas* brought General MacArthur and his staff. The General looked tired and worn, lean-faced and bronzed, but his step was firm and his carriage confident as he crossed the deck to Admiral Halsey's cabin. There was little of pomp or ceremony in his manner — his dress was a



plain suntan uniform, shirt open at the throat. He wore the battered old cap that had become his trademark to thousands of GIs who had followed his leadership on the long trek from Australia up to this moment on the deck of the *Missouri*.

Rarely in all the history of the world has there been such an array of high-ranking military leaders assembled at one spot. In addition to MacArthur and his Generals there were Admiral Chester Nimitz and his Admirals and the official representatives of all the Allied Nations whose names comprise almost a "Who's Who of World War II," particularly that part which was fought in the Pacific-Asiatic theatre. The stage setting was simplicity itself. Aside from the covered mess table and two chairs, there was a case containing the first American flag ever to fly over Japanese soil—that one raised

clothes and silk hats, seven in uniform without sidearms, and one man in white linen and bareheaded. Lame Minister Shigemitsu had difficulty in negotiating the ladder—he has a wooden leg—but somehow he made it without assistance. There were no side-boys, Marine guard, or band to greet the newcomers, only the grim, set faces of men to whom the war was too recent and too real to feel compassion or to simulate a "welcome home." While there was no cheery greeting, there was no semblance of discourtesy shown as the Japanese representatives ranged themselves in squad formation about 20 feet in front of the peace table. To this correspondent the melancholy Japanese resembled nothing so much as the mourners at a funeral just about to take a last look at the late departed.

With clock-like precision, at exactly 9 o'clock General MacArthur stepped out of Admiral Halsey's cabin and walked to the table, facing the Japanese—and at almost that moment the bright sun broke from behind the clouds. Clearly he spoke from a prepared statement.

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Foreign Minister Shigemitsu limped forward at exactly 9:04, shuffled the papers, consulted a memo drawn from his pocket, then signed both documents—affixing his name in English to the English language copy. He was followed by General Umezu who did not deign to sit down in the chair provided, but after a brief scrutiny bent down to sign his name. Stiffly erect and with stony faces, they watched the delegates of the Allied Nations walk to the table to sign for their respective countries.

General MacArthur, signing as the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, was next. Calling Lt. General Jonathan M. Wainright, hero of Corregidor and Bataan, and British Lt. General Sir Arthur Ernest Percival, who was overwhelmed at Singapore, to his side, the General affixed his signature in his free, flowing handwriting.

In rapid order the representatives of the Allied Nations were called and signed the documents. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz signed for the United States with Admiral Halsey and Vice Admiral Forrest C. Sherman as witnesses to his signature. General Shu Yung-Chang signed for China; Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser for the United Kingdom; Lt. General Kuzma Nikolaevich Derevyanko for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; General Sir Thomas Blamey for Australia; Colonel Moore Cosgrove for Canada; General Le Clerc for France; Admiral C. E. L. Hal-



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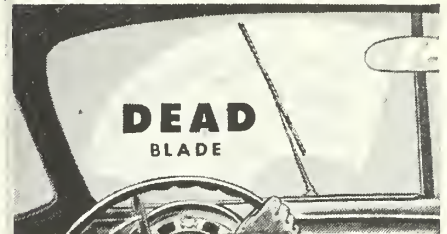
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by Commodore Matthew C. Perry on the occasion of his visit on July 14, 1853. The flag was backward in its case, but there was no time for rearrangement and it was displayed just as it was. Overhead, flying as the ship's colors, was the flag that had flown over the Capitol at Washington on December 7, 1941, and which later was flown at historic occasions at Rome and at the Potsdam conference.

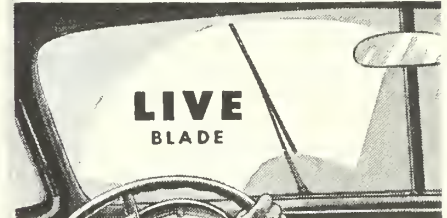
Sharply on the minute just before the opening of the ceremonies the *Missouri's* motor boat came under the gangway bearing the eleven-man official Japanese delegation, led by Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, flanked by General Yoshijiro Umezu, Chief of Staff of the Imperial Army. The other nine are unimportant, their names might be the Japanese equivalent for John Doe for all the world cares. It was only Shigemitsu and Umezu that counted; they were officially commissioned by Emperor Hirohito to sign away the life of an empire and to return their country to its territorial limits of a hundred years ago.

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frich for the Netherlands, and Air Vice Marshal Len Issitt for New Zealand.

The signing completed, at 9:20 the General concluded: "Let us pray that peace be now restored to the world and that God will preserve it always. These proceedings are closed."

It was all over, officially at least, the ceremony completed and the shooting war ended in exactly 20 minutes. That time would have been cut by a minute or two had not Colonel Cosgrove, signing for Canada, put his name on the wrong line on the Japanese copy. It took but a minute or so to change the national designations and straighten the matter out.

Beginning on a Sunday at Pearl Harbor, it was most appropriate that the war end on a Sunday at Tokyo. While the early morning ceremonies were in progress in

Sagami Wan on September 2, 1945, it was still September 1 in Europe—six years to the day after the German invasion of Poland began World War II.

Completion of the signing did not end the war for the press corps—there was a 10 o'clock deadline on the wireless at Yokohama, some miles away. The Taylor was waiting alongside. There was a scramble to get aboard and get away. Wire men hammered like mad on their typewriters; the skipper cooperated by giving the Taylor everything she had, breaking every harbor regulation in the book, in all languages including the Scandinavian. The world was waiting for the story these men had to tell. Uncounted millions had waited long and sacrificed much for this hour.

THE END

How Do You Rate As A Mate?

(Continued from pages 22 and 23)

FOR MEN

- her imagination run away with her.
- B. Tell her you work harder than she does and you don't complain about your job.
- C. Try to help her do the household chores.
- D. Encourage her to find a hobby or join a congenial group.

10. You believe that it's the husband's duty to

- A. Make a living and leave all the other responsibilities to the wife.
- B. Control everything pertaining to family life.
- C. Supervise only the financial affairs and physical maintenance of the home.
- D. Assume joint responsibilities in running the home.

FOR WOMEN

- B. Let him alone hoping he'd get over it.
- C. Try to make life as pleasant as possible.
- D. Discuss it with him and if that failed urge him to see a psychiatrist.

10. When your husband is home you

- A. Usually are careful of your appearance.
- B. Occasionally take pains with your appearance.
- C. Never take pains with your appearance.
- D. Always take pains with your appearance.

TO OBTAIN YOUR SCORE:

1. Check your response with the table below. For example, if your answer to question number one was B, then check column B in table in line with question number one, which in this case is four points. Then four would be placed in column marked "YOUR SCORE." So, similarly for the remaining responses.

ANSWER SCORES MEN

QUESTION NUMBER	A	B	C	D	YOUR SCORE
1	1	4	2	3	
2	2	1	3	4	
3	1	4	3	2	
4	3	1	2	4	
5	2	1	3	4	
6	2	1	4	3	
7	1	3	4	2	
8	3	2	4	1	
9	2	1	3	4	
10	1	2	3	4	

WOMEN

QUESTION NUMBER	A	B	C	D	YOUR SCORE
1	1	3	4	2	
2	4	1	2	3	
3	1	3	4	2	
4	1	2	3	4	
5	1	3	4	2	
6	2	1	4	3	
7	3	2	1	4	
8	1	2	4	3	
9	2	1	3	4	
10	3	2	1	4	

2. Total the last column and get your rating from the interpretation below:

TOTAL SCORE	RATING
40-35	You are probably a superior mate.
35-30	You are probably an above average mate.
30-15	You are probably an average mate.
Below 15	You are probably a below average mate.

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Here are ten practical ways by which a sighted person can be a practical Good Samaritan

BY RALPH CARSON

Every person with a physical handicap is constantly confronted with problems and difficulties which are typical of that disability. There are times when help must be asked. Here are 10 ways in which you can help the blind:

1. When offering to guide a blind person, suggest that he or she take your arm. That is a sure tip-off that you know your business. Never hold his arm and push or lift him off his feet. As the blind person will be about a step back of the guide in holding on to the arm, the motion of the guide's body will give warning when it is necessary to slip through narrow places.

2. It is best to caution the blind when steps are to be negotiated.

3. Never take hold of a blind person's cane. Somehow, the instant another hand takes hold of it, the important "feel" leaves it. If the one being helped is not holding on to your arm, never open a door and say, "Come on, the door is open," for the door opening must be located with the cane.

4. In seating a blind person at a table, never pull the chair away from the table. Just advise him you are placing his hand on the chair back.

5. It is best to cut up the food and butter the bread. Some blind persons take pride in helping themselves in that respect, but sometimes soil the linen without knowing it. Never take hold of the person's arms, back him up to a seat and say, "Sit down." The law of self preservation demands that a person find out for himself how high the seat is. That cannot be done if the arms are held.

6. Never describe the location of an object with "Up there . . . down there . . . over there," for that does not make sense. Use directions like "In front of you . . . back of you . . ."

7. In meeting a blind person and wishing to give directions be sure

that you are speaking of his right or left and not your own. In walking around, the sightless must have landmarks or sound to guide them. Sometimes they may appear to be lost. Before trying to straighten them out, make sure that they actually are lost and not just following some landmark.

8. In helping a blind person on a bus or street car, mention that you will place his hand on the handrail. He can make it from then on with the use of his cane.

9. When a blind person is examining some object with his hands, never try to help him out with the examination by pushing his hands around and pressing them down with yours. All sense of touch seems to leave with the added pressure.

10. The blind are easily startled, especially when concentrating on something. Make sufficient noise to warn them of your presence.

In World War Two, numerous accounts came out in newspapers, magazines and over the radio of how the newly blinded veterans were being taught to go around without a cane by using Facial Vision. *Facial vision?* That is a mysterious something which everyone has, sighted as well as the sightless. That something is a natural ability to detect objects in utter darkness. Some have that sense to a much keener degree than others. It can be cultivated to some extent. *It will never serve as a substitute for a cane.*

Generally people are of the impression that guide dogs know traffic signals. Dogs are color blind. They guide their master across the street when traffic stops or when the blind person issues the order to cross. Sight is not necessary to distinguish which way cars are moving. If the blind person does not have good hearing, no busy street intersection should be tackled even with a guide dog.

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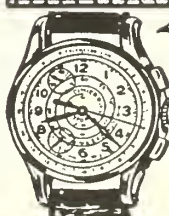
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Oddly enough, more than one top-ranking scientific research laboratory boasts odds and ends of war surplus equipment bought at better than bargain prices. In most cases, the owners of the surplus stores have little or no idea of the value of much of the technical equipment they sell, but the shopping scientists and laboratory technicians do.

A good example is the well equipped aeronautical laboratory at Princeton University in New Jersey. A large portion of the instrumentation—pressure gauges, manometers, flow gauges, etc.—now being used in advanced jet-engine research was bought on New York's Surplus Row for less than a twentieth of its actual value.

Even Princeton's new and revolutionary supersonic wind tunnel, which is capable of simulating air-flow speeds up to seven times the speed of sound, is almost entirely the product of war surplus materials. The compressors and giant steel tanks used to store the highly compressed air for the tunnel were formerly part of a Navy torpedo factory. The tunnel's air-settling chamber once was part of a 16-inch naval gun. The armor plate that forms the tunnel's side walls once was earmarked for a battleship that was never built. What's more, even the lathes and machine tools used in fabricating the tunnel came from the Navy's war surplus stock piles.

Few bargains picked up along the nation's Surplus Rows are bought with the idea of putting them to their intended uses. Musette bags become school bags and fishing creels. Periscopes and gun sights are torn apart to provide lenses for home-made telescopes and other optical gear. Mine detectors help plumbers locate buried pipe and raise the hopes of those perennial hunters of buried treasure. And more than one jettisonable airplane gas tank has been bought not for the tank but for the sturdy wooden hinged-top crate that it came packed in.

War surplus may be a thing of the past in so far as the Government is concerned, but for the bargain hunter it is still around.

THE END

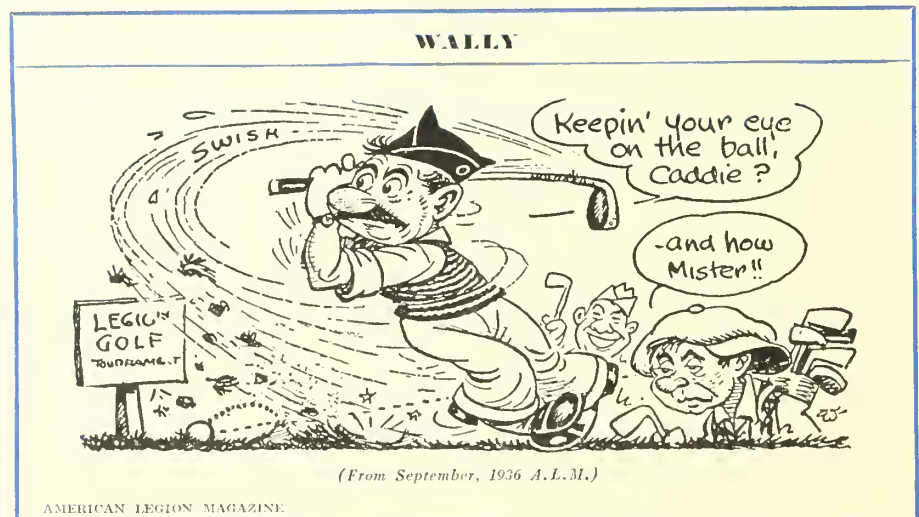
They Don't Talk About War

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was in reserve when the mechanic joined them, but like most replacements he was shaky. Sometime during the night the sergeant had another of his dreams and rushed toward a foxhole. Thinking they were being attacked, the mechanic also made a dive for the nearest foxhole, the same one the sergeant was going for. The replacement landed on top of the sergeant with a thud and the wind was knocked

out of both of them. When the sergeant caught his breath, he gasped, "Listen, boy, who's having this dream, you or me?"

Most veterans who won't even talk about the war to their families go to reunions or conventions and sit up all night batting the breeze. Give them a sympathetic and understanding listener and some will talk their heads off—but only to another veteran. Most vets refuse to tell



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humorous, fantastic and touching war stories because they are afraid their listeners will think they are lying.

I have a very good friend who brought home a Jap officer's sabre. The war had just ended when he returned and the townspeople were still war-conscious. They flocked to his house to see the sabre and to hear how he got it.

The veteran—I'll call him Jack—had served in the 6th Division. He had got the sabre in a hand-to-hand fight one night in February, 1945, on the island of Luzon. His outfit had had a regiment of

laughing behind his back and calling him Jack the Jap Killer. So he quit telling about his narrow escape.

Now he won't be drawn into discussing the war for fear the listeners will think he is making up stories.

Willie Dodson, a traveling salesman from Childress, Texas, who served in the 4th Marines as a tank gunner, told me he wouldn't talk of his combat experiences to people who had never been in the service. "The reason," he said, "is that they never let you finish answering the question they asked you. They always



Japs surrounded for almost a week. That night they tried to break through the American lines with a "banzai" attack. The American automatic weapons opened up in a cross fire that piled up the enemy. One Jap officer managed to get through and saw Jack in his foxhole. It was raining and in the excitement my friend had knocked his clips of ammunition down in the muddy hole. He couldn't find them and his rifle was empty. The Jap swung at him with his sabre shouting, "Die, American—I!" The sabre blade hit his steel helmet and left a dent in it an inch deep.

As the Jap raised the sabre again the American, still in his foxhole, grabbed his feet and tripped him. Jack quickly scrambled out of the hole and grappled with his enemy. The Jap knocked him to a sitting position with his elbow and raised his sabre to decapitate him. Jack thought he was a goner. Then his hand struck something, his shovel handle. He had left it sticking up in a mound of dirt when he dug the hole.

He rose to meet his attacker. The Jap's sabre missed, but Jack's shovel blade caught him in the temple, crushed his skull and killed him.

In a few months people began to forget the war and Jack's sabre story began to sound unreal. Some of the town pranksters would ask him to tell it time and again. He finally found out that they were

butt in and tell about something they read or what their cousin said."

When the 45th Division held its third annual reunion in New York City the stories were tossed around in hotel rooms thick and fast. They told some good ones about J. D. Goodner of Prospect, Ohio, who was with the Thunderbirds all the way through. The boys of the 157th Infantry called him Magnet Tail, because no matter where he was, that was where the shrapnel seemed to fall. He didn't get any himself, but it was always hunting him out.

At any division reunion they tell many tales of hairbreadth escapes. Thomas H. McKay of Vevay, Indiana, often tells of the time he was in an assault on the Siegfried Line. A German bullet went down the sleeve of his fatigue jacket and out at the elbow without scratching him.

At the reunion of the 45th they discussed a certain man who was always doing the wrong thing. We'll call him Dizzy Jackson. One day the platoon he was in was sent out on a reconnaissance. His platoon sergeant told him to throw a grenade into a house and clear it of suspected Nazis. He threw the grenade in the window and walked in before it went off.

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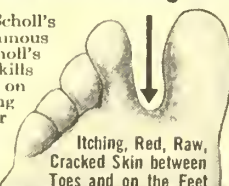
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nobody in there, but they must be coming back. They left their clothes and stuff."

It was also Dizzy Jackson who on the Anzio beach, watching German bullets stir up the sand, yelled, "Gee, look, fellows! Dancing sand!"

There is a story told by the veterans of the Italian campaign about Thomas B. Fanan, city attorney of Cumberland, Maryland. One morning he was marching a German prisoner down a steep mountainside. Both he and his prisoner were knocked rolling down the mountain by a frisky pack mule carrying supplies up the mountain trail. They rolled almost fifty yards. When Fanan's head cleared he was able to get up and the kraut handed him back his carbine.

In an amputee ward in Letterman Hospital at San Francisco where I started jotting down all the war stories I could get, I met an infantryman from the 43rd division. He told me one of the most pathetic war stories I have in my many notebooks.

It happened in the Philippines. They were the reserve company in the Battalion but almost every night Japs attempted to infiltrate the American lines. They were all so jumpy that they fired at everything that moved outside the perimeter. One night they heard something crawling near the field kitchen. Five men fired several rounds and all was silent.

The next morning they hurried out to see what had disturbed them. Lying on the ground with three 30-caliber slugs in his back was a ragged, undernourished Filipino boy about ten years old. He was dead and in each little, bony hand he clutched a can of tasteless C-rations. The doughboy didn't seem to worry about his amputated legs, but he said he saw that same picture every night when he closed his eyes. He was one of the five who had fired into the darkness. He said if everyone in the world were forced to take a long look at that scene there would never be another war.

Veterans of the 25th Division still talk about Lucky Bill Farmer. He joined the Tropic Lightning outfit on Luzon as a 19-year-old replacement and made the combat-hardened sergeants tear their hair.

He gained the nickname "Lucky" after he had had a dozen narrow escapes. Besides being lucky he was the most careless man in the outfit. He had a habit of wandering off in front of the American lines in search of fruit or souvenirs without his rifle. Old timers were predicting and even offering to bet two to one that he wouldn't live through the campaign.

The last time he forgot his rifle was shortly after V-J day. The Japs around Balatie Pass were offering resistance in spite of the fact that the homeland had given up.

Farmer was looking for bamboo poles to cover his foxhole that day when he wandered off, armed with only a rusty bolo knife. He walked around a thicket and came face to face with three armed Japs. Farmer turned to run but a Jap grabbed each of his arms. The third assured him that they meant him no harm. They merely wanted to surrender. They had been outside the American lines for

three days waiting for a chance to surrender. Farmer lined them up and marched them into Battalion Headquarters with the rusty bolo knife on his shoulder.

At an American Legion Convention, a navy veteran told me of the time he slipped off his ship on Leyte to get some coconuts. As he kicked off his shoes and started to climb up the tree he saw an army flyer in the top drinking coconut milk. The flier was his brother, whom he hadn't seen in two years.

After telling this the ex-gob looked me straight in the eye and said, "Honest, Mac,



"You could tell it's a real old picture, they were dropping block busters."

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that's on the level. Nobody seems to believe me, but it happened."

I do not have absolute proof that all these incidents are true. Some of them are just hearsay. But I believe them all. Veterans who tell almost unbelievable stories about the war are seldom lying or even exaggerating. Few veterans go around volunteering to tell of their war experiences, but most of them will talk if they think they have an understanding and sympathetic audience.

All articles should have a happy ending, so I will sign off with this one: Lt. Francis Jarrett was a Troop Commander in the 1st Cavalry. His troop liberated some American nurses in the Philippines, where they had been prisoners for three years. In the engagement Jarrett was hit in the leg. A few hours later one of the nurses he liberated helped an American doctor amputate his leg. Jarrett was sent to McCloskey General Hospital at Temple, Texas, where he was a patient in the bed next to mine.

One day the nurse he had liberated and who in turn had helped save his life came in to see him. She had been transferred there. Three months later they were married.

"Honest, Mac, I ain't kidding. That story may sound like it originated in Hollywood, but it happened. I was there and heard them say I do."

THE END

Forrestal Was Right

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enough to enable us, plus the RAF, to dominate the air over any battlefield in western Europe. Third, we ought to step up the Navy's anti-submarine program so that we can make sure we can get there in time if we have to, and add to that two or three fast carrier task groups to deal with sudden emergency situations, for instance in the Mediterranean. Fourth, we ought to start building up the air defense of our home territory — interceptor squadrons, radar, ground-to-air missiles and all the rest of it — so the enemy won't be able to snarl us up with diversionary suicide attacks just when we need to be giving our undivided attention to Europe.

ELIOT: You won't buy all that for ten billion a year. (NOTE: Congress had just passed the military budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, carrying appropriations totalling \$10,200,000,000.)

FORRESTAL: Damn right we won't. I'm reluctantly compelled to the conclusion that the next defense budget will have to be something like \$17½ or \$18 billion. I hate to ask for that much money; it'll be a severe strain on our economy. But it won't be as big a strain as if we wait till the Soviets fire off their first bomb, then sit back and hope that maybe they can't make any more, and all of a sudden wake up to the fact that all our friends are losing confidence in our ability to help protect 'em and that we've got to do something fast if we're not going to lose the cold war without firing a shot.

(NOTE: How's that for a description of recent affairs?)

ELIOT: The boys in the Paris Embassy were saying the President's going to put a ceiling of \$15 billion on the defense budget for fiscal 1950.

FORRESTAL: That's the story as of now. The Budget and the Economic Advisers have sold the President on the view that the national economy can't stand a higher figure. With the help of the Joint Chiefs, I've got to sell him on the view that these beans have got to be eaten sooner or later, and that the strain will be a lot less if we start eating them now, one plateful at a time, than it will if we have to gulp 'em all down at once two or three or four years from now.

ELIOT: You think you're going to get away with it?

FORRESTAL: No. I think I'm going to be over-ruled. But I'm going to try. And look, George, don't go beating the drums on this subject in your column. That'll only make the President think I'm leaking stuff to you in order to bring pressure on him, and he'll go stubborn on me.

ELIOT: Okay.

FORRESTAL: I hope I can win him over. I think Marshall will go along with me, and some of the people in Congress — Carl Vinson, for example, sees the problem very clearly. If it wasn't for this damned election, I'd be more confident. It makes all the political people cagey and nervous. The main point is, it's the wrong way to figure defense costs to start with a fixed ceiling established on fiscal or political grounds. That puts politics or money before security — and these days security has to come first. If I can make the President see that, we'll get our \$18 billion.

ELIOT: What it amounts to is roughly a billion extra apiece for each of the three services to build up actual fighting units, ready for action at a moment's notice — is that right, Jim?

FORRESTAL: Just about. We've got to



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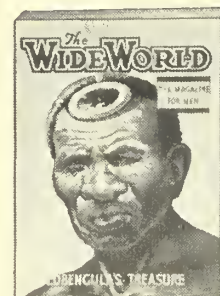
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keep our strategic air force at about the level now planned and authorized; but in addition the Air Force must build up its tactical and troop-carrier groups to considerably greater strength, including more interceptor groups for home defense. We've got to develop our naval aviation, too. There are a lot of things you can do with carrier-borne aircraft when you could never hope to get to the trouble spot in time with anything else. We need considerably more money for research, especially on guided missiles of all types, defensive and offensive, and on anti-submarine, which is a problem that's far from licked. We need more ground troops: damn it, I couldn't lay my hands on more than a couple of divisions here in the United States if an emergency broke in my face tomorrow morning. I ought to have ten or twelve, at the very least, with plenty of air cover to back 'em up. Then we've got to lay out production schedules for all the aircraft and weapons these forces will need, and plan them ahead so that we won't be piling up too much junk to get obsolete, while making sure that we have a healthy industrial backlog so that we can step up production fast enough to meet any emergency—and that we have reserve stocks to keep us going in the meantime. If we don't start doing all this now, we'll be caught with our pants down one of these days when the Russians fire off their first A-bomb.

(NOTE: Brother, was Jim Forrestal right about THAT!)

ELIOT: So we've got to prepare to adjust the balance of power by these other means in order not to have it shift against us when the A-bomb alone no longer offsets the Russian superiority on land in Europe?

FORRESTAL (somewhat impatiently): That's what I've been telling you. Historically, a balance of power is a pretty good means of keeping the peace as long as it remains a true balance—or near enough so that it doesn't tip too far one way or the other. A shooting war is likely to occur when one side or the other has succeeded in upsetting the balance far enough to gain a preponderance of power, a sufficient superiority to assure victory—or one which the side which is planning to use force to gain its ends thinks will assure victory. If everybody else thinks so too, the stronger side may gain what it wants without even having to fight for it. That might be the case in Europe and Asia some day if we can't keep the Russian power continually offset by our own power plus that of our friends.

ELIOT: Our friends in Europe don't have much power now.

FORRESTAL: No. We're planning to do something about that if Congress'll go along. You've talked to our military people in London and Paris, and to the British and French brass. You know we haven't got beyond the paper stage yet. It'll take time to set up the framework of a military agreement, to get the governments concerned to approve it, and then to implement it with actual weapons and with units trained in their use. It might take years. But you mark my words, George, even if we do all this, the Europeans won't have much confidence in the

whole arrangement or much real will to fight unless they can see that we and the British are prepared to back them up—not only with atom bombs on distant Russian cities, but with a reasonable number of troops and tactical aircraft ready to go at a moment's notice. Once let the atomic threat be even partially offset by a Russian counter-threat, and the bottom'll drop out of our European market for good



and all if we haven't built up some quick assets in the shape of infantry divisions and fighter-bomber groups, plus a navy that can see that they're delivered where they're needed. It's no good telling the French or the Dutch or the Danes or the Italians to go ahead and fight against hopeless odds, but not to worry because in a year or two we'll be mobilized and we'll come over and liberate 'em. They've had too much of that, and they know too well what a year of Soviet rule would mean to them.

ELIOT: Yes. We're afraid of being defeated in war. The Europeans are afraid of war itself, whoever wins it in the end.

FORRESTAL: Right. The Russians understand that feeling, and they work on it constantly, in a thousand ways. We've got to understand it too, and take it into account in framing our military policy. The greatest danger is that we'll move too slowly, that we'll go on trying to get by on the atom threat plus merely marginal forces of other kinds, that the rearmament of Europe will drag along and that the Russians will get their atomic counter-weapon before western Europe is ready to defend itself or we're ready to help defend it. If that happens, you can expect to see the Russians get more and more bold and aggressive, testing out our will and our ability to resist at every soft spot they can find in the world, while beating the propaganda drums on the "warmonger" theme so as to scare the pants off the free Europeans. There'll be only two things we can do then—either

build up our fighting forces in a great hurry and at great expense to restore the balance of power on which security depends, or see all our hopes of saving Europe and Asia from Soviet domination go down the drain, piece by piece, leaving us hopelessly isolated in a hostile world. That's why I want to start building up our forces now, why I'm willing to ask the country to make some sacrifices now for that purpose. It'll pay rich dividends—not only in actual military security, but in the confidence of the free peoples of the rest of the world, which is the real cornerstone of security.

Forrestal was right.

Every word he uttered in that conversation two years ago has been proved true by subsequent events—or is about to be proved true.

The Russians fired their first A-bomb

almost a year ago. Now, belatedly—we can only hope not too late—we are beginning to build up other forms of armed strength to restore the tilting balance of power.

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In war, time is the most precious of all commodities. Time lost can frequently only be repurchased at the price of blood. Let us hope we can buy back our lost time for dollars on this occasion, and if we can, let us count ourselves luckier than we deserve.

THE END

"I Won Over Paralysis"

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signal for the rest of us to throw something at him. This system made quite a mess but helped keep up our spirits.

Our room, number 709, formed a sextet which was quite popular around the hospital for its renditions of Irish Ballads. To pass the time we placed bets on most anything, ball games, weather, and prize fights. One of our favorite pastimes was to unscrew the light bulb over our beds, pull the cord on and off a number of times very rapidly, and then place bets as to whether the light would be on or off when the bulb was screwed back into the socket. Since all of us in the room were confined to our beds and unable to peek down the hall, we also placed bets on the sex of the next person entering the room.

November 29, 1945 I found to my amazement that I could move my left ankle. It was hard to see because the movement was so slight, but it would move. I had one of the men in the room make me a sign with the word "THINK" written in red letters on it and had it

placed at the end of the bed on the frame. I had this reminder throughout the day to make me exercise. For a month I moved my ankle 100 times an hour in addition to my regular physical therapy.

My parents made their second visit to the hospital in early December. They wanted to see the movement in my leg. I will never forget the expression on my parents' faces as they watched me struggle to move my ankle. The movement was so slight the family did not see it until they moved closer. They had expected me to do a high kick, I suppose, and failed to appreciate my achievement as I had. I explained the significance of this movement—that it meant I had a chance.

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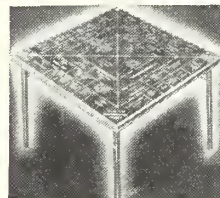
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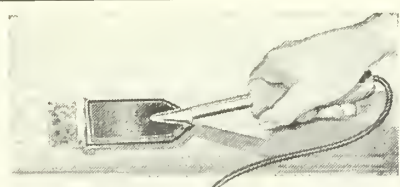
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My family made a visit to the hospital a week before Christmas. They tried to persuade me to go home for a sick leave. I didn't want to leave the hospital. I was afraid to face my friends at home. My sister said I was acting like a child.

She was right. I went home and had a wonderful time. I saw my friends and explained my injury to them. It was then during my leave that I realized I must try harder for recovery so I could come home to stay. It was tough the way people would look at me at first as they saw me in the wheel chair but I soon got used to this curiosity. While home I took my first steps without the handrails of the ramp. I used crutches and braces but *I walked*.

I returned to Atlantic City in January 1946 with a new determination. I had somewhat overcome the fear of seeing my friends. Also, of my own accord, I walked without the ramp. I practiced walking three times a day, once in the morning, the regular scheduled classes which all patients received, and again in the evening. I noticed vast improvement in the strength and movement of both legs.

I received my medical discharge from the hospital and the Army on April 26, 1946. I left the hospital in a wheel chair but was able to take some fifty steps to get into my father's automobile. I was limited to the use of a wheel chair most of the time. To qualify for my discharge I had to pass one of the most difficult tests

of my life. I was tested on my ability to open doors, get dressed in a specified time, get out of bed into a wheel chair unassisted, get into an automobile from a wheel chair, walk into the hospital store and buy a newspaper, and a number of things which I would be expected to do at home.

Once home I knew I would have to force myself to keep up with my walking and exercises. Here at home I was not the best patient as to recovery as I had been when surrounded by paraplegics in the hospital and, therefore, tried all the harder. I tried walking around the block and failed. The next day I made it and was so tired that I had to stay in bed the rest of the day. Meeting the neighbors on my walks helped me forget my shyness and their comments were gratifying.

I had overcome my fear of seeing people and was beginning to enjoy myself for the first time in several years. I advanced to canes, which at first was a very scary move. Soon I got accustomed to them. I attended as many games and other activities as my health would permit and during the latter part of the summer I started dating a girl I had known in high school. One night we went to a dance but it was too much for me to sit it out while my friends enjoyed themselves dancing. I broke down and cried. It was then I realized that a disabled person must have substitutes for things he cannot do.

During September with the help of Nittany Post 245 service officer and other members of the Post I was granted an automobile from the Veterans Administration. This proved to be a tremendous factor in my recovery. Receiving this automobile meant that I could go where I wanted without any help from others. The car, a hydramatic, had little special equipment since I successfully passed the test driving with my left leg only.

I returned to college in late September as a result of talks with my family and

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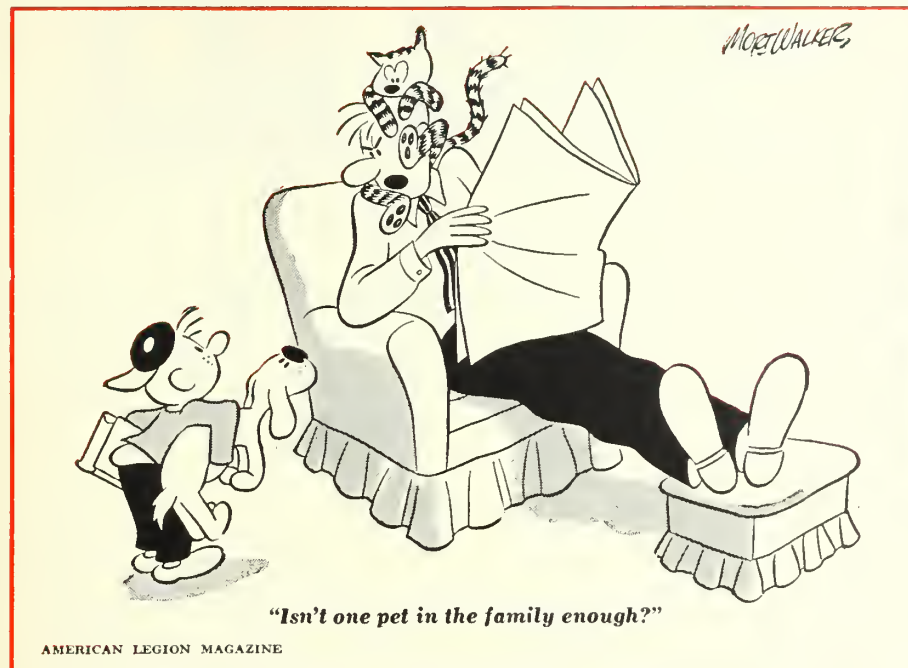
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the Veterans Administration. I took a light schedule. It was difficult to walk into the classroom the first several meetings of the class, but soon people stopped staring.

My first year back at Penn State was very successful. I met many people and did quite well in my grades. I continued to date regularly and felt as if I were making headway in my adjustment.

I returned to a civilian hospital five or six times during the fall of 1946 and the

During the summer of 1948 I returned to my first love, sports. My American Legion Junior Baseball team in its first year of organization won the league district, and section championships before being defeated in the Pennsylvania State Quarter finals, by Johnstown, a city 15 times the size of State College. During this year two of my players were selected for the all state American Legion team. I could not demonstrate plays in baseball



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spring of 1947 for check ups and treatment of kidney ailments.

During the summer of 1948, while on vacation in New Hampshire I developed a severe fever which I thought to be malaria. I was rushed to a small hospital and put to bed immediately. My fever was 105 degrees. The doctors diagnosed my infection as *Bacillus Coli*. The infection was seated in my kidneys. Seventeen days, seventy streptomycin shots later, I was released from the hospital with instructions to take it easy for six months. My family and I returned home.

I prepared to go to college again for the fall term. But I wasn't able to make it until the following fall. I was sick off and on for four months. Early in January, 1948 I was rushed to the hospital again with a high fever.

"You have a month to live unless my operation is successful," the doctor replied when I asked for the straight story. "Your kidneys, bladder and ureters are so badly infected that I will have to do a serious operation. It will take you several months to get accustomed to this new system," the doctor said.

The operation, called a ureterostomy, was a success. Aside from the usual reactions, I recovered nicely and was discharged in seventeen days. During my period of sickness I had lost much weight and muscle tone which had to be recovered. Once again I found I had to go through the exercises to build up muscle. I had lost strength but not the ability to move. I began to take treatments at the college hospital and these helped me.

or sliding but I could talk my assistant, Legionnaire Bob Fleming, through the demonstration. I could also catch my pitchers and play pepper while sitting in a chair. During two basketball seasons I helped coach the Junior High team in town and found basketball easier to coach than baseball. My B squad won nine and lost two during the two seasons.

I have successfully completed the first semester of my senior year at Penn State and have coached my baseball team to their 31st win in 42 games over a three year period. I have lost my fear of people and I feel almost normal since I am accepted as a person, not a cripple.

I am engaged to be married in February 1951, and am building a paraplegic home from government funds. I belong to a college fraternity, coach baseball and basketball teams, drive a car and am Past President of the State College High School Athletic Board. I feel I have a number of reasons for living. My family, friends, my faith, and most important of all, the skill of the medical profession, are responsible for my recovery. Probably, also I owe my life to the vastly improved care for veterans. From what I have heard of the days following War One I'm lucky that wasn't my war.

I might not have had it as rough as some, since I am one of five percent of service paraplegics that can walk, but I still maintain that it is a heck of a long way from my hospital cot on Peleliu in 1945 to State College in 1950 where I am coaching my Legion Junior Baseball Team.

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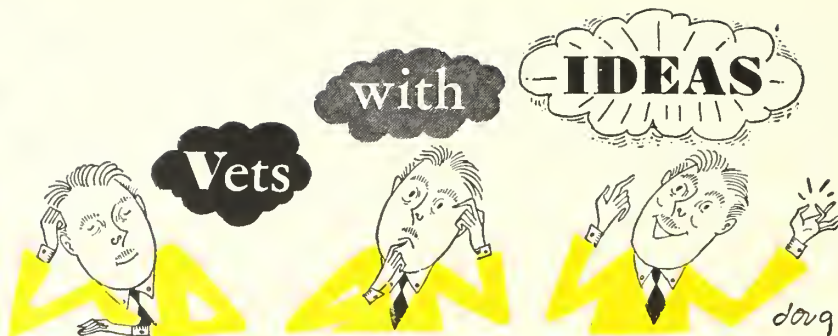
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Taking advantage of the start, Bob joined his sister on the family ranch and went at the business with a vengeance. Today, Bob and Agnes Marzo operate the only art charcoal factory west of the Mississippi and supply most of the western half of the country, as well as a number of steady markets in the East.

In a small corner of their ranch, at 20728 Canyon Highway, Orange, Calif., they raise their own willow trees (on land they have found to be unfit for citrus) and use the shoots from this in their business. Several times a year, after the willows have been well irrigated and taken care of, Bob "harvests" the shoots which range from a quarter to three-fourths of an inch in diameter. The shoots are tied up in bundles and allowed to dry, after which the bark is removed by a machine of his own design and the wood cut into lengths of seven inches.

Once this is accomplished, the lengths are put into huge cast iron boxes and

"baked" in a specially designed oven for several hours. When this is done, the willow twigs have been transformed into soft charcoal sticks for use in sketching. The twigs are then sorted into sizes and put into boxes which hold 12, 25 and 50 of the sticks.

At present they market the large part of their annual output of some 500,000 sticks through wholesale jobbers throughout the country, although a number of art schools order direct. They also supply the entire public school system of the City of Los Angeles.

According to Bob Marzo, most of their customers, both jobbers and direct orderers, have turned to them for supplies simply after hearing about and testing the quality of the product which they put out. Most of the business has thus been built on a word-of-mouth basis.

With the charcoal business ever expanding, the brother and sister have had to call on their parents to handle the load. At present their mother and father are helping out in the treatment and packaging departments. But with this exception, the younger Marzos are still doing all of the work themselves, putting the product out under the trade name of "Silkwood" products.

BY JACK LEWIS

HARVEST WITHOUT FAILURE

Drought and sudden frosts may raise hob with California ranchers, but they don't bother Ray Anderson, 30, Navy veteran of San Diego, who reaps a \$20,000 harvest yearly without losing a crop. Ray manufactures imitation fruit and vegetables for basket and window display.

Before entering the Navy, Ray specialized in natural food displays—but what a waste of time and food, he thought! While stationed at Pearl Harbor in 1945, he suddenly got his big idea.

Following discharge, Ray and a friend began experimenting in their kitchen laboratory, cooking up smelly concoctions. A year later and \$2,000 poorer, they finally developed a pliable latex mold.

Then he set up a production plant in a small building in a neighboring community and hired local people to help with his "harvest." Since plaster fruit readily absorbs water, Ray found by experience that he could cast and paint his fruit only in midsummer's heat when humidity was low. His production thus reaches its peak in the summer months when he has a payroll of 14 workers.

With a sales staff of four, but without benefit of newspaper or other advertising,

artificial fruit and vegetable displays were offered to potential customers for the first time. The response was terrific. There was no sales resistance, for here was a product that filled a definite need. Not only was his invention a money-saver for grocers and gift fruit packers, who comprised his market, but customers liked to know that they were purchasing newly fabricated "fruit," not dusty old stock.

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His address is 2442 Fifth Ave., San Diego, Calif.

ORMAL I. SPRUNGMAN



The Higher-Ups

How was the sergeant to know the identity of "the pretty nice guy" that made the request?

By R. JOSEPH MANFRINI

THERE is an Allied soldiers' cemetery in North Africa just off the main road between the airport at Maison Blanche and the city limits of Algiers. While visiting this spot one hot afternoon during WW2, an American Army officer heard from the lips of the GI in charge a story of humility and human interest.

"Does anything unusual ever happen here, sergeant?" the officer asked.

"Not very often, sir," drawled the GI, who only some months before had been a barefoot lad in the Smoky Mountains. Then, as an after-thought, he added, "About a week ago something did happen that I guess I'll never forget for a long, long time. I was standin' near the tent over yonder lookin' over in the direction of them there mountains, when I noticed all of a sudden several cars coming through the main gate. I didn't pay much attention at first, but then I saw several officers and a couple of civilians getting out and one of the officers in some kind of foreign uniform came toward me. He asked me if I was in charge and I said I was. He seemed like a pretty nice guy and I asked him if I could show him around. He said, 'Fine, sergeant, I should appreciate that very much.' Seemed like a pretty nice feller. Well, sir, I showed him the rows of crosses. The stranger

pointed to the dull gray crosses on the graves of the English soldiers and asked me why those crosses were not painted white like the American crosses. I told him I didn't really know. Then he said, 'I wish you would have the English crosses painted white like the American crosses.' I said, 'I'm sorry, sir, but I get orders from my C.O. to paint 'em that way. If you want me to paint them all alike, I guess you'll have to go to the higher-ups and talk to them about it 'cause I couldn't make the change on my own.' He hesitated a moment as though he was thinkin' to himself and then he turned to me and said, 'All right, sergeant, I'll get in touch with the proper authorities.' Then he thanked me for showing him around and went back, got into the car and left with all the other brass in the cars followin' along right behind.

"Well, sir, fer a couple of days nothin' special happened but then, one morning, Gawd Almighty, I'll never forget. My C.O. called me up on the telephone and said, 'Sergeant, the King of England has informed me that he wishes me to thank you for the kind attention you showed him when he visited the cemetery two days ago. Good work, boy!' Well, sir, I nearly fainted."

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Sound Off?

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I note he concludes his article by wondering what caused the two Nazi captains to first stand at attention and then salute, as the Flame was rekindled.

My guess is that they were merely doing what military tradition demands, that the honored dead of friend or foe be saluted on an occasion of that sort.

William L. Easterly
308th Infantry Post
Jersey City, New Jersey

▼ There's more to that story. Phil R. Coniglio of Bridgeport, Conn. was leafing through the July issue of his magazine when he noticed the article *They Re-kindled the Flame*, on page 28. He didn't have to look any farther than the accompanying illustration to realize they were talking about him, too. For Phil was the fourth man in that memorable march up the Champs Elysées, the man whose name Garé Schwartz had forgotten while he remembered those of Mackey and Beauvais. As Richard M. Blumenthal told the story, it was Schwartz who had the nerve to suggest and to lead the thumb-to-nose stunt of carrying French and American flags up Paris's best known street, while the Nazis controlled the City of Light.

Coniglio still has the Legion cap he wore that day. He served with Co. B, 15th M. G. Bn., 5th Div., in the First War, and was a United Press correspondent in Paris and a member of Paris Post 1 of the Legion from 1932 to 1943, serving with the French underground forces from the occupation of Paris to September, 1941, when the Germans sent him to the concentration camp at Meaux. He was repatriated in April, 1942 in an exchange of prisoners. Coniglio is serving as Adjutant of Rogers Brothers Post of Bridgeport.

Editors

LIKED FARM VET ARTICLE

I want to tell how much we appreciated Robert B. Pitkin's farm article *How The Legion Fights for the Farm Veteran*, July issue.

The thing I like . . . is that you emphasize the part the veteran himself is playing in the program and . . . you place the credit for the success of the program at his door.

I am proud of the splendid job my fellow workers in the Farmers Home Administration are doing in the farm veteran field, but I am prouder of the manner in which the veteran has kept faith with his Government.

Dillard B. Lasseter
Administrator
Farmers Home Administration
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

ANY BUTTONS?

Since getting out of the service, I have turned to a button collection hobby as a pastime. Military and historical buttons are my specialty.

If there are any fellows who have saved some of their Uniform Buttons and hate to discard them, I'd be glad of the privi-

lege of giving them a good home. I have buttons from all wars, past and present, even some cut off dead Japs' uniforms, but would be able to use, house, and classify hundreds more. It's just an idea: if you throw them away, throw them my way.

John H. Andrews
Paradise, Pa.

JUDO AND SAVATE

I have just re-read *Suppose Someone Comes At You* in the June issue. Having served in only the First War, I was not taught any of these tricks.

The author points out rather forcefully that judo and savate are too dangerous and should not be a part of the world's knowledge. However, consider men in my age bracket and higher. We have neither the speed nor power nor stamina of youth. Knowledge of unarmed fighting would strengthen our sense of security.

Wm. C. Tally
Brooklyn, New York

ABOUT THAT "RECORD"

In the July issue Willard S. Danser tells the saga of Hq. Co., 311th Inf., and asks if any other outfit has had a yearly reunion since 1919. The writer is a member of the B Battery, 105th F. A. Veterans Association, with membership limited to those who served with the battery in WWI. It is referred to in Brooklyn as "Fabulous Battery B." If anything happens in a civic, military or Legion activity there is a B Battery man on the job. We have held an annual reunion every year since 1919 on the Saturday nearest March 13th and a Christmas Tree party every year since 1916. . . . We hold picnics, meetings, get-togethers and ordinary brawls all through the year. We have dedicated two Memorial Plaques—one for the men who died in World War I and another for

those who have died since. Every year, on the Sunday before Memorial Day, we add bronze plates bearing the names of men who have died during the preceding year, and decorate the graves of deceased members on Memorial Day.

James Andrews
Brooklyn, N. Y.

▼ Colonel Andrews, who commanded the regiment, added other details and gave a list of the men of his Battery who served in World War II.

Letters congratulating Hq. Co., 311th Inf. on its reunion and claiming at least as good a record were received in behalf of these outfits: Co. B, 104th Engrs., 29th Div.; Co. E, 102nd Inf., 26th Div.; Ambulance Co. 111 of 103rd San. Trn., 28th Div.; Co. F, 112th Eng.; 14th Engrs.; Co. D of the Old First N. Y. Inf., (mustered out as part of Co. D, 107th Inf., 27th Div.); Co. L, 308th Inf., 77th Div.; Co. L, 316th Inf., 79th Div., etc., etc.

Editors

TIDELANDS OIL INCOME

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This gift of the Gods from the Tidelands seems very significant at such a time as this. . . . Hope every Legionnaire wakes the public up, and official Washington, before some long-fingered scheme gets it.

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Lillian Forrest
Jewell, Kansas

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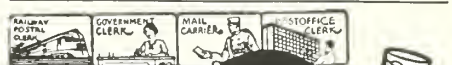
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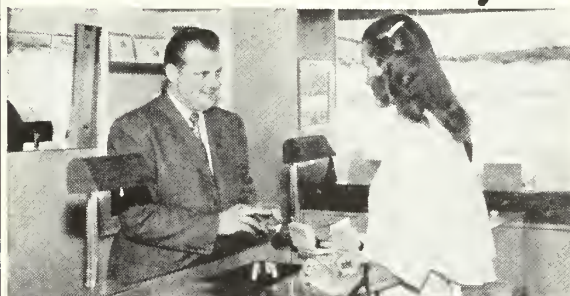
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— RICHARD WHEELER

CUTTING REMARK

When the caller rang the doctor's bell, the door was opened by the physician's small daughter.

"Is the doctor at home?" asked the caller pleasantly.

"No, sir," replied the child. "He's out at the moment performing an appendectomy."

"My," said the visitor, "that's a very big word for a little girl like you to use! Do you know what it means?"

"Oh, yes," the youngster announced. "It means \$175." — F. G. KERNAN

PRENATAL INFLUENCE

*The doctor said our infant son
Arrived a little late.
As time went on I realized
This was a constant trait.
And for this inclination
His mother I berate.*

— MCLEOD ORFORD

NO COMMENT NECESSARY

In the middle of a downpouring rain a cabdriver, driving past a hotel, saw a girl standing desolately under the marquee, holding a big oblong box.

"Do you want a cab, m'am?" he shouted.

The woman nodded and climbed into the cab.



"I'm soaked," she sighed as she settled back into the seat, "just soaked."

"Where have you been?" asked the cabbie.

"Shopping," was the answer.

"What have you got in the big box?" he asked.

"My new raincoat," was the woman's reply. — DAN BENNETT

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AGE TEN . . . FIFTH GRADE

That you can play hooky and not get caught at it. That it's better to tear up the note the teacher wants you to deliver to your father. That girls like cats better than dogs.

AGE ELEVEN . . . SIXTH GRADE

That, if you play hooky to go fishing, you should have a lunch with you. That homework isn't necessary.

AGE TWELVE . . . SEVENTH GRADE

That a mother will believe a teacher before she will believe her own son. That playing cards for lunch money is frowned on by parents. That it's easier to learn to smoke cigarettes than it is to chew tobacco. That teachers hate boys.

AGE THIRTEEN . . . EIGHTH GRADE

That truant officers are stool pigeons. That three of a kind will beat two pairs: that you can fish and play cards at the same time. That if you catch a skunk you'll be excused from classes, even on examination day.

AGE FOURTEEN . . . 1st YEAR HIGH

That red-headed boys can't fight any better than the others. That girls prefer boys with curly hair. That parents are old-fashioned.

AGE FIFTEEN . . . 2nd YEAR HIGH

That girls are more fun than boys. That all girls paint their toenails. That it's almost impossible to fill an inside straight.

AGE SIXTEEN . . . 3rd YEAR HIGH

That having a car is more important than having curly hair. That football players have to study their lessons too. That most girls are fickle. That a straight won't beat a flush.

AGE SEVENTEEN . . . 4th YEAR HIGH

That boys are more loyal than girls. That the boy with a car has an advantage over a football player. That, if you don't smoke you're a sissy. That lipstick comes in several different flavors. — ARTHUR O. PORTER

REQUEST NUMBER

*Shine my shoes with boogie beat,
Stay right in there with 'em:
Syncopate, turn on the heat,
Buff them to a rhythm.*

*But while you're gelling in your knocks,
Can you keep the polish off my socks?*

— D. S. HALACY, JR.

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